This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This is a special week for ArtCart. We are celebrating a Centennial of art, or 100 weeks of ArtCart online and art kits to pick up. For our project this week we will be using a technique called “paper quilling”. This form of art has existed since the invention of paper which is more than 100 years ago. Paper quilling is the art of cutting paper into long thin strips, rolling the pieces into different size circles or other shapes, and then gluing the shapes together to form decorative art. Let’s give it a try!

1-Draw a picture on paper or cut out a picture you like from a card, cereal box, or even a magazine. Cut strips of paper about ¼ inch wide by 5 inches long. You can color white paper any color and then cut it up in strips. Roll each strip on a pencil or pen. Wind it around and around. Pull it off the end of the roller and hold it gently for a minute. If you want a tight circle, glue or tape the end. You can leave the end of the strip loose to create a different design. This will be the start of one design, but you can roll another strip that is tight and put it inside the larger one. You can use a larger marker to have a larger quill.

2-Glue down the rolls onto the picture. You can do the outline of the picture or fill in all of it with many rolls. Add more rolls as you see the picture develop and come alive with color and texture. You could use this project like a puzzle, and make many rolls ahead. Sit down with friends or family, and take turns adding to the picture. You do not even have to glue them down but see just how many different pictures or design you can come up with. You can make cards or make your name with quills. At least, 100 days of options.

I am so happy to share

100 weeks

of art with you! -Ms. Susan