

# *crepe paper potted plants*

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**TOOLS & MATERIALS**

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- NEEDLE-NOSE PLIERS/WIRE CUTTERS
- FLORAL TAPE *Pine*
- POT *for blooming plant (5.5-inch wide pot in video)*
- FOAM *to fit into pot (5.6-inch styrofoam ball in video)*
- MOSS *color of your choice (preserved chartreuse reindeer moss in video)*
- 5 PARROT TULIPS *(completed)*

**POTTING BASICS**

When choosing a flower to create as a potted plant, it is important to pick one you might find at your local greenhouse or flower shop that is already offered as a potted plant. This might include any of the bulb plants, like the tulips, amaryllis, paperwhites, and lilies. You can also consider making a potted blooming plant from orchids, gardenias, and poinsettias.

**DESIGN RULE OF PROPORTIONS**

Another design rule that is important when introducing a pot to your crepe paper flowers is to look at proportions. My rule of thumb is to simply keep the vessel shorter than the visible greenery and flowers — and even or narrower than the edge of the plant itself. The most important thing is that your plant and blooms are the main focus, and carry the most visual draw, and that your pot simply supports and enhances the finished piece.

**CREATING A PLANT BASE**

I have found the best material for a plant base is the simple styrofoam. This is not the smooth foam that has no holes, but the version with an open structure that allows you to easily slide your wired stems into the foam. When picking your foam, it is best that it fits snug in your vessel and is lower than the top. You can use a foam knife to trim to fit, if needed. If your foam ball rolls around in your vessel, crumple up paper and stuff around the edges to secure it into place. If you have more than 1 inch of space from your foam to the top of your vessel, you can use the paper under the foam to prop it closer to your rim.

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