

# Crafts 'n Snacks

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# 3D Paper Flower

These adorable 3D flowers made with construction paper are the perfect gift to give to grandma this Mother's Day! And they're so easy to make!

## Materials:

9x12 construction paper (whatever color you want your flower to be)

Yellow Construction Paper

Scissors

Glue Stick

Tape

Green Straw



## Instructions:

1. Prep for your flower by cutting your colored 9x 12 construction paper into approximately half inch strips. You'll most likely need about 15-18 to complete your flower.
2. Cut a circle out of the yellow construction paper. It can be as big as you want (which may need to affect the size and amount of your strips), but a diameter of approximately 1 1/2 inches is a good size to start



with.

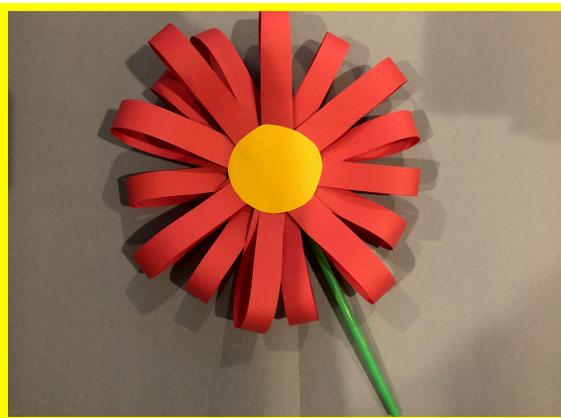
3. Use your glue stick to make loops for the flower petals by gluing the ends of the strips together.
4. Begin making your flower by gluing the ends of the petals to the back of the yellow circle. Start by placing loops at the "quarters" (or think 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock). **Some tape will help hold in place as well.**



5. Add petals halfway between each of those.
6. Finish the flower petals by placing one loop on either side of the halfway loops in each “quarter”. This is a total of 16 loops. If you’d like a fuller flower, add more.
7. Secure with tape.
8. Make a stem for your flower by taping a green straw to the back of the flower.



\*Craft found at [easypeasyandfun.com](http://easypeasyandfun.com)



# Flower Pot "Dirt" Cups

## Ingredients:

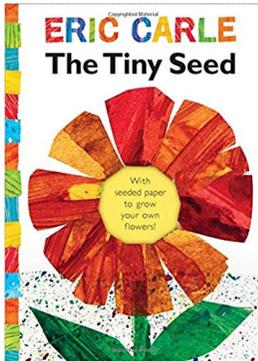
- 20 Oreo cookies, finely crushed (filling removed)
- 3.9 oz instant chocolate pudding
- 2 Cups cold milk
- 8 oz cool whip, thawed
- Clear Punch Cups

## Directions:

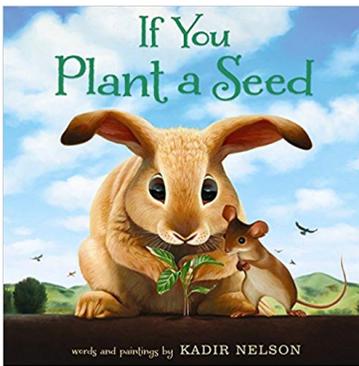
1. Prep the Oreos and set aside.
2. Whisk together the pudding mix and cold milk in a medium bowl for 2 minutes.
3. Allow to set for 5 minutes.
4. Fold in cool whip.
5. Add one tablespoon of crushed Oreo cookies into the bottom of each cup.
6. Add a layer of pudding mixture.
7. Top with more cookie crumbs.
8. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.
9. If you'd like "plant" some flowers, draw a few on paper, cut them out, and tape onto toothpicks; insert into "dirt". Or, make one large bowl (mix a few spoonfuls of Oreo crumbs into pudding mixture and spread the rest on top; stick your 3D flowers into the pot for a yummy Mother's Day Treat!)

\* This recipe was modified from [madetobeamomma.com](http://madetobeamomma.com)

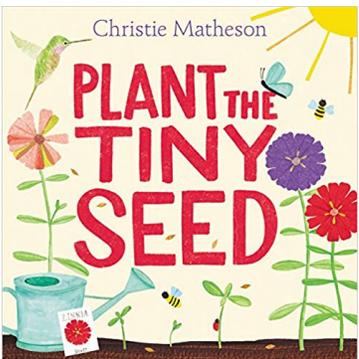
# "Flower" Read-Alouds for Kids



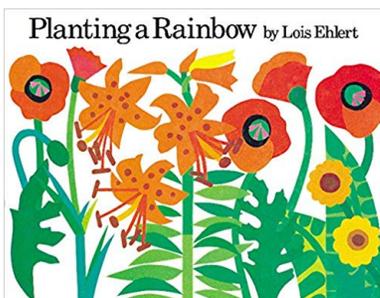
"The Tiny Seed" by Eric Carle - Eric Carle's classic story of the life cycle of a flower is told through the adventures of a tiny seed. Everyone will cheer for the seed's progress as it floats across the sky, nestles in the ground, and finally grows into the giant flower it was always meant to be.



"If You Plant a Seed" by Kadir Nelson - This gently humorous story shows the power of even the smallest acts of kindness and the rewards of compassion and generosity. The text and breathtaking illustrations demonstrate not only the process of planting and growing for young children, but also how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit.



"Plant the Tiny Seed" by Christie Matheson - How do you make a garden grow? In this playful tale, you will see how tiny seeds bloom into beautiful flowers. And by tapping, clapping, waving, and more, young readers can join in the action! Beautiful collage-and-watercolor art follows the seed through its entire life cycle, as it grows into a zinnia in a garden full of buzzing bees, curious hummingbirds, and colorful butterflies. Children engage with the book as they wiggle their fingers to water the seeds, clap to make the sun shine after rain, and shoo away a hungry snail. A really fun follow up to "Tap the Magic Tree".



"Planting a Rainbow" by Lois Ehlert - Lois Ehlert delivers again with array of collages that follow the progress of a mother and daughter as they plant bulbs, seeds, and seedlings and watch them grow into a rainbow of colorful flowers.