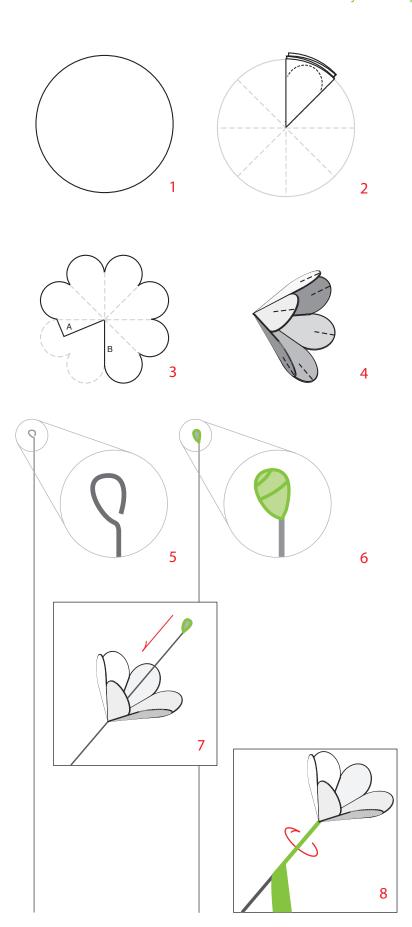
Simply Beautiful Paper Flowers

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- 1.) Begin with a 3" disk of paper (I recommend any of the beautiful artisan papers made by Hambly. Online at hamblyscreenprints.com.)
- 2.) Fold in half, then quarters, then eighths, and use a scissors to round the end as indicated.
- 3.) Remove 1 and 1/2 petals as indicated and glue flap A to the underside of petal B.
- 4.) Pinch the end of each petal as indicated by the dotted lines to suggest the petals are opening outward.
- 5.) For the stem, begin with a 10-15" length of floral wire (available at floral supply shops and selected florists). Use a needle nose pliers to form a small loop in one end (approximately 1/4").
- 6.) Cover the wire loop with a small length of green floral tape (available as above) to create the pistil of the flower.
- 7.) Gently thread a wire stem through the center of each completed paper blossom until the pistil is seated snuggly within the hollow of the flower.
- 8.) Wrap the remaining potion of the stem with another length of floral tape. I suggest beginning by wrapping the tape so that it slightly overlaps the paper, and then, while holding the tape taut with one hand, slowly rotating the stem between the thumb and forefinger of the other hand until the stem is covered (see illustration).
- 9.) (Background image) Attach stems together by wrapping floral wire around two or more stems at once. To finish, bend the stems into graceful shapes before arranging them in a vase for display.