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## Fun 'n' Funky Flowers

*Designed by Kathleen George - Project Courtesy of [The Dow Chemical Company](#)*

### MATERIALS NEEDED

STYROFOAM\* Brand Products:

Balls: 2 1/2" for flower (makes one); 4" for base (makes two)

Block, 4" x 4" x 2"

### OTHER MATERIALS:

Acrylic paints: green; yellow

2mm craft foam: bright green for leaves; your choice for petals, one sheet each

3/8" wooden dowel, 12"-18" length for each flower

Serrated knife

Bar soap or old candle

Wooden skewers

Stiff-bristle paintbrush

Disposable palette

Water basin

Paper towels

Handsaw

Ruler

Pencil

Scissors

1/2" head pins

Thick, white craft glue or low-temp glue gun and glue sticks

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Download pattern [here](#).

To make each flower...

1. Wax serrated knife with a bar of soap or old candle to ensure smooth cuts. Cut 2-1/2" ball in half for flower center and 4" ball in half for base.
2. Sandwich one end of a wooden dowel between 2-1/2" half balls, pressing halves together until flat sides are flush. Remove dowel. Insert skewer into flat side of each half ball to use as a handle while painting. Paint half balls yellow; stand skewers in foam block to dry.
3. Determine desired height for flower and cut dowel accordingly for stem.
4. Insert and glue dowel centered in rounded side of 4" half-ball. Paint dowel and base green. Let dry.
5. Using pattern, cut five flower petals and two green leaves from craft foam.
6. Glue base of petals to flat side of one 2-1/2" half-ball, spacing evenly; pin in place for extra reinforcement. Spread glue on base of petals and center indentation. Position 2-1/2" half balls on flower stem and press together.
7. Glue leaves to flower stem with tips pointing in opposite directions.



8. Repeat Steps 1-7 to make a grouping of flowers, varying height of stems for added interest.

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