

# Geauga Park District Nature Craft #4

## Recycled Paper Flowers & Twig Vase

### You will need:

- Recycled magazines
- Scissors
- Paper Punch
- Pipe Cleaners
- Buttons
- Beads
- Recycled Can
- Hand pruners
- Twigs
- Glue or rubber bands
- Ribbon



### Flowers:

1. Cut magazine into 1-inch strips.
2. Bring the ends of each strip to the center, and punch a hole. Prepare several strips at once.
3. Thread a small bead on the pipe cleaner, pushing about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way down. This will keep your flower petals from sliding.
4. Fold a magazine strip so the holes align, and thread on to the pipe cleaner to make a flower petal.
5. Continue to thread magazine strips on to the pipe cleaner, rotating from the previous petal, to create a flower shape.
6. Thread the end of the pipe cleaner through a button, and then go back through an opposite hole on the button.
7. Bring the end of the pipe cleaner back through the center hole of the flowers and into the bead. This will keep the flower stable.



### Vase:

- Option 1: Cut twigs to the height of the can. Glue sticks on the can, using hot glue for immediate adhesion, or craft glue for a slower drying process. Wrap a ribbon around the end to finish.
  - Option 2: Put two rubber bands on the can, one at the top and bottom. Slide sticks through both rubber bands all the way around the can. When completed, wrap ribbon around the can to cover the rubber bands, attaching with glue if needed.
- Note: Be sure to use sticks that are about the same size, as varying sizes will not be evenly held under the rubber bands.

