



## Coffee Filter Dancers!

*These adorable dancers are not only fun to play with but incredibly fun to make.*

**Length:** 40 minutes    **Difficulty:** Medium

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### Supplies You Will Need

- Coffee filters (2 for each dancer)
- Washable markers
- Pipe cleaners (2 for each dancer)
- Scissors
- Tiny clear hair elastics
- Baking sheet
- Small measuring spoon (or eye dropper)

**(Parental Warning:** scissor and oven use)

### ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Flatten out two coffee filters and place them on top of each other.
2. Color on the top coffee filter with your makers (the more you fill in the darker the colors will be. However, leave some white room or the colors will mix and turn brown/black).
3. Preheat your oven to 120 degrees.
4. Carefully, drop water onto the coffee filter. Do not completely soak them and stop if they get too wet.
5. Place your wet coffee filters on a baking sheet and put in the oven for 20-30 minutes. Keep an eye on them so the edges do not curl.
6. While those are drying, take a coffee filter and bend it in the middle. Do not pinch it. Leave it as a loop.
7. Take a second pipe cleaner and place it behind the other to around where the neck would be of your dancer.
8. Wind the pipe cleaner around to create a body and leave room at the end for legs. Fold the bottom for feet.
9. Fold one of your coffee filters in half and keep folding until it is a small triangle.
10. Cut a small amount off the top of your coffee filter triangle.
11. Un fold the coffee filter and cut two slits about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch away from the middle hole.
12. Carefully put the dress on your dancer and fit the arms through the slits.
13. Use an elastic to tie the dress around where the waist would roughly be.
14. Fold and cut the second coffee filter in the same way without the arm slits.
15. Push the second coffee filter onto your dancer underneath the first coffee filter.
16. You should be able to push it under the elastic but you may need to secure it with a second elastic.

