#NCScconnects Virtual Activity

**Activity:** Paper Flowers

**Category:** STEAM: Arts & Crafts

**Suggested Grade Level:** Grades 1-12

**Description:** Make colorful flowers out of simple supplies to gift to others or make your home brighter!

**Supplies:**
- Tissue paper, any color (alternative: any other colored paper.)
- Straws, preferably green.
- Pipe cleaners, multiple colors (alternatives: glue or a small rubber band.)
- Green paper.
- Scissors.
- Hole punch.

**Making the Petals**
1. Select any color of tissue paper and fold over multiple times.
2. Draw flower shapes on the tissue paper. Use your imagination – these do not have to look like real flowers!
3. Cut out various shapes and sizes that you can layer for your flower.
4. Finally, punch a hole into the center of the flower shapes.

**Assembling the Flowers**
1. Thread one or two leaves onto the straw so that they are resting on the pipe cleaner.
2. Layer three to 10 flower shapes to achieve your desired look.
3. Secure the flower on the straw by using another 1-inch piece of pipe cleaner to wrap around the tip of the straw.
4. Another option is to fold the straw over and secure with pipe cleaner.
5. Put your flowers in a vase and enjoy!

**Takeaways:** Get creative by mixing and matching colors.
Work on fine motor skills by cutting and attaching small pieces.
Talk about different types of flowers and how flowers help the Earth.