

# The Top 7 Simple & Cheap Tools You Need Right Away to Get Started with Paper Crafting

Are you ready to make some absolutely amazing paper crafts like I do on Pinterest and on my blog? Did you know you can do them without all the expensive tools? You really don't need the fancy cutting machines to get started. When I started out, I used these **exact same tools** with spectacular results and so can you!

1. **Paper** - Generally card stock that you can find almost anywhere. I bought some at my office supply store in a large package. It is heavier than regular copy paper but this is a great alternative to fancy papers. As a matter of fact, I still use this paper for many of my handmade cards. It is so versatile. I found it in white and cream colors but you may find other colors you can purchase as well.
2. **Glue** - I have used so many different glues for my projects and I still find a good glue stick you can buy at the dollar store works great. I have button wall art and used the glue stick to keep the buttons in place without any issues. You just have to let it dry completely. There are other glues you may want to try from the dollar store, such as a tacky glue.
3. **Scissors** - Use a pair of scissors that has a fairly long blade so cutting will be much easier for all your paper crafts. Did you know dull scissors can be sharpened at home easily? According to Wikihow you can use sandpaper, aluminum foil or a sharpening stone.
4. **Cookie cutters** - These are fantastic for making shapes and also to create your own stamps! I have used them to make wonderful boxes and die-cuts for my card making.
5. **Paper clips** - Paper clips are great for holding paper together while you are waiting for glue to dry. I use paper clips when working with crepe-paper pieces and I do not want the paper to move while I cut or sew. I also use my paper clips to spread glue (I straighten it out first).
6. **Needle and thread** - Are you aware that you can add so much more to a paper project just by using a needle to pierce the paper? I also sew some of my paper pieces together for a special effect.
7. **Dowels** - You can get a whole variety of thicknesses at the dollar store. I use a thinner dowel to use as a quilling tool (you can also use a toothpick). Dowels are perfect for adding shape for petals and leaves on DIY paper flower projects.

All of the above tools can be purchased for under \$20 and you can do so many incredible crafts. As a matter of fact, you can do most crafts with these cheap simple tools.

Are you ready to get started? Why not use these tools to make some of these projects from my blog.

Simple DIY Paper Weaving: <https://www.bettesmakes.com/2019/05/05/simple-diy-paper-weaving/>

Easy Large Garden Flower: <https://www.bettesmakes.com/2019/05/03/easy-large-garden-diy-paper-flower/>

DIY Boxes for Any Occasion: <https://www.bettesmakes.com/2019/04/18/diy-boxes-for-any-occasion/>

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