

tissue-paper votive flame



s a shade made for a battery-operated tealight, which are currently available wherever Halloween frippery is sold (supermarket, Home Depot, Target, Walmart, etc.). I like hiding the plastic fakeness of the tealight behind the wax. Make a bunch of these (they are surprisingly quick and easy to make) and scatter them around the room for your party are, of course, well-suited to Halloween set-ups, but I think they add a cozy touch to any occasion.

ing an inch and a half (or so) from a cardboard toilet-paper tube.



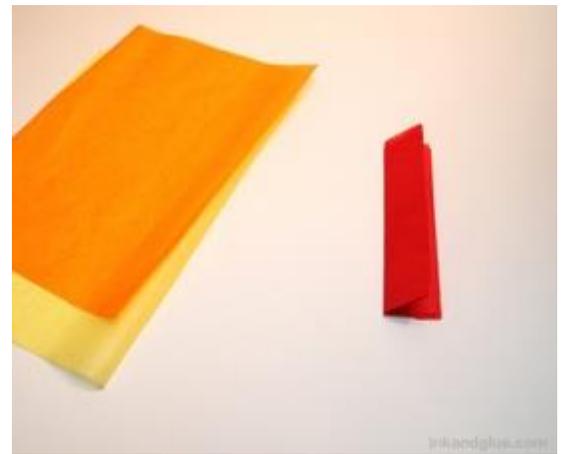
Unfold your gorgeous multi-color packet of tissue paper (available at craft stores, or [online, of course](#)). Trim a folded sheet of red, orange, and a yellow sheet.



When trying to cut a length of paper that will match the circumference of your cardboard ring. It's been a while since I took geometry, so instead of using rulers and math, I do this easy trick. Mark the inside of the ring with a pencil, then place it on the paper so that the ring's edge (below, left) is flush with the paper's edge (below, left). Roll the ring along the edge until the pencil mark hits the paper again (below, right). Measure the distance (below, right); that's just how I roll). Make a light pencil mark on the tissue paper, then remove the ring. I cut my strip of paper a little longer than that measurement, so I'd have some overlap.



two strips to the same size. Fold a strip in half lengthwise, then in half again, then in half again.



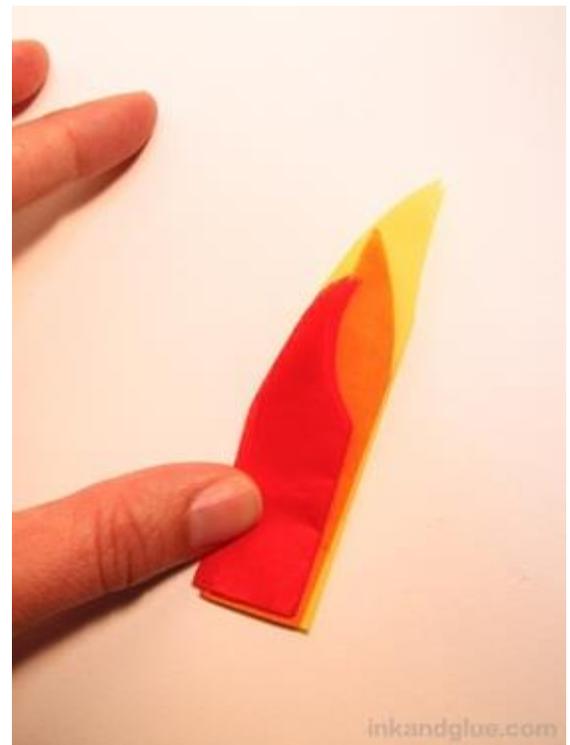
ing, sharp angle onto the folded paper, and cut it out.



paper and admire your handiwork. Then, repeat the folding/marking/cutting steps with the other two colors of pa



aper piece back up, and stack the three cut and folded pieces with the yellow on the bottom, orange in the middle, and red on top. The colors so the tips of the flames will be staggered in height, as shown, with the yellow the tallest and the red the shortest. Trim the ends of the three folded papers in a single snip, leaving at least an inch and a half (the height of your cardboard) for the flame-shaped bits.



Stick to the outside of your cardboard ring, then smooth the unfolded yellow piece around it, lining up their bottom edges with the orange and the red. Place a battery-operated tealight inside, and you're ready to go.



When it's light out, and extra cool when it's nice and dark. Have fun!



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