

Pentecost Flame

You will need:

- 10-12 x 10cm squares of a mix of yellow, red and orange tissue paper (*optional*: include a purple square or a pink one);
- extra red tissue paper;
- battery-powered tea light candle
- 4-5cm piece of cardboard tube (a cling wrap or paper towel tube is wider than a toilet roll so the candle will fit better)
- orange or yellow cupcake liner
- glue stick, PVA glue and cotton tips to apply it; scissors, sticky tape



What to do:

- Cut the piece of cardboard tube, about 5cm tall.
- Cut a strip of red tissue paper to fit around the cardboard tube. Glue it in place.
- Glue the cupcake liner onto the top of the tube. Press it slightly into the top of the tube.
- Cut the tissue paper into approximately 10cm squares.
- Cut one corner of the tissue paper off and line that edge up with the bottom of the tea light. That way it won't hang over the bottom of the tea light.
- Apply a little glue to the edges of the tea light and layer the tissue paper around the sides.
- As you layer the tissue paper squares, fold the bottom edge to make a flame shape.
- Layer four yellow pieces of tissue paper then reapply the glue and layer orange and red pieces alternatively. Use more orange than red, and add extra yellow if you need to. Include a purple or pink square if desired.
- Don't overwork the glue or the tissue paper will tear.
- Let dry. Then add a strip of sticky tape around the candle to hold the flames upright and keep them from sagging.
- Sit the tea light into the top of the cupcake liner. This makes it easy to take the tea light in and out to turn it off and on.
- Make one for each member of the family, as each person at the first Pentecost had a flame.
- Many people regard that first Pentecost as the day the Christian church was born, or the birthday of the Christian church. Put your candles on the dinner table and sing 'Happy Birthday' to the church.

Based on a craft from <https://www.crazylaura.com/toilet-roll-craft-ideas/>

