



# Poppy Project

Make your own paper poppies inspired by Mandy Martin's painting for the 2021 Musikfest poster! Keep your poppies for yourself, or bring them to the Banana Factory during open hours to add them to our community project!

## Supplies

- White coffee filters
- Red and orange food coloring
- Black or green tissue paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Glue

1. Mix food coloring with a small amount of water in a bowl or glass. The more food coloring you add, the brighter the color!
2. Fold a coffee filter into a triangle, and dip it into the food coloring mixture. You can repeat this with as many coffee filters as you want to!
3. Once the coffee filters have soaked up enough color, take them out of the dye. Unfold them and put them somewhere safe to dry.
4. While you wait for the filters to dry, take a small sheet of black or green tissue paper, and scrunch it into a ball (about half the size of a golf ball)
5. Once your coffee filters have dried out, glue your tissue paper ball into the center of your flower.
6. Turn a pipe cleaner into a stem by poking it through the back of the flower, into the tissue paper ball. You can bend the end or add glue to make it more secure.
7. Fluff the coffee filter petals, and your poppy is complete!

## Supply Substitutions:

- Instead of food coloring, you can paint the coffee filters with watercolor paints, or you can color them with washable markers, and then spray with water to make the ink bleed!
- For a quick (and dry) project, use colored tissue paper or construction paper instead of coffee filters.

**Mandy Martin, an artist based in Sellersville, designed the Musikfest poster for 2021! You can see more of her paintings at <https://www.mandymartinart.com/>**

### **Why Poppies?**

In the aftermath of World War 1, poppies became a symbol of peace, rebirth, and remembrance! Originally, Martin's use of poppies was inspired by Bethlehem's revival throughout the past years. Then, the pandemic hit, and poppies took on a new meaning in her work, as she continued painting during quarantine.

**"The Musikfest poster conveys a sense of hope and light. Brilliant red poppies rise from the Bethlehem landscape, while daisies spin magical music notes into the air... We have all been through a lot in the past year, and poppies remind us that new growth often arises after times of hardship. I wanted the viewer to anticipate a time of renewal and joy as we come together for the festival this year."**

**--Mandy Martin**

### **Contribute to the Community Project!**

During Musikfest, we will install paper poppies in the ArtsQuest Center! Help us make this installation by contributing poppies to the project! Make your paper poppies using the instructions above, and then drop them off at the Banana Factory any time we're open! (Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM) Come visit the installation during Musikfest, August 6-15, 2021!

**For even more information about the poster, check out this article from WFMZ: <https://www.musikfest.org/artsquest-unveils-musikfest-2021-poster>**

**And visit our website our social media to see a special studio tour with Mandy Martin!**

1. What is the artist's name?

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2. Where does the artist live?

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3. What do the poppies symbolize in her painting?

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4. Can you think of any other symbols you could use in your own art?

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5. Look closely at the poster. What cool details do you notice? List 5 details below:

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6. When did the artist start working on her painting?

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7. When is Musikfest scheduled for in 2021?

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8. If you could design the Musikfest poster for 2022, what would you make? Sketch out your ideas in the box or on a separate sheet of paper. Then explain your design!

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