

for children

hello

UKRAINE

How do you say hello in Russian?

(Nastya's family and others in this part of Ukraine speak Russian.)



preevyet

(Say "pre-VEE-ET")

My name is Nastya Dontsova

Age: 12

Lives in: Zhytomyr, Ukraine

I used to live in Donetsk, Ukraine, with my mother, father and older sister. But there was fighting and it was too dangerous to stay. My parents and I came to Zhytomyr in October 2014. My sister stayed in Donetsk to study and is still there. My father died a year ago, so it's just me and my mother living in a room in a hotel. We get help paying rent (through an MCC partner) and also get canned meat and other things. My mom really likes the MCC comforters.

I'm in seventh grade. I take music lessons and play the flute. My mom is a cashier at a food store and sometimes I go see her after school. I make paper flowers and bracelets and sell them for spending money.

My favorite food: sushi, pizza and salad

My favorite subject: art

What I want to be: journalist

During a student visit to a television station, I was asked what I want from the city of the future. I said I want a city where it's easy to live and learn, but most important, I want a city with no war.

I want to go back to Donetsk. My mom says when it is peaceful there we can go home.

Tissue paper flowers

Make a spring bouquet using tissue paper and pipe cleaners.

1. Cut 4-5 circles from colored tissue paper and stack them all together.
2. Fold the stack in half, and then in half again.
3. Cut a small notch near the center of the wedge (see drawing).
4. Open the stack back up and weave a pipe cleaner through the two holes.
5. Twist the pipe cleaner into a stem for your flower.
6. Fluff the layers of tissue paper out into the shape of a flower.



Nastya made this bouquet of tissue paper flowers to give to her classmates. What will you do with your bouquet of paper flowers?



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