

TORN TISSUE PAPER CRAFT IDEAS

From Toni Yuly, author and illustrator of *Thank You, Bees*



Torn tissue paper crafts work best when you don't have any expectations for the outcome. It's fun because you never know what you're going to "see" when you tear a piece of paper. Once you have a shape, you can add details with markers to bring your torn tissue to life. In the beginning, as you tear without thinking, you may make a lot of long strips. These can be the beginnings of a car, boat, animal, or even spaceship. Anything goes! To get other kinds of shapes, you can vary how you tear, such as pulling the paper apart quickly instead of ripping straight down or making small tears over and over, turning the paper as you go. Experiment—there is no right or wrong way to tear tissue paper! Advanced techniques include gluing one piece of tissue paper over another (see the mountains, next page) and gently scratching dried tissue paper away to reveal the white paper underneath (see the eyes of the pumpkin and cat, next page).

MATERIALS

Colored tissue paper

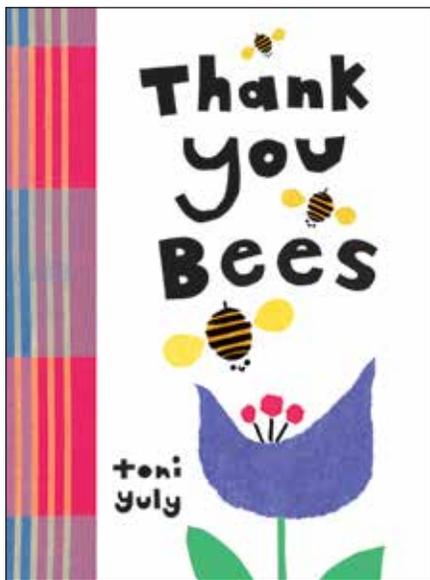
Glue stick

Thick white paper

Markers

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tear the tissue paper into different shapes and sizes.
2. Use the glue stick to glue your favorite shapes to thick white paper. Let them dry.
3. Add details such as faces, legs, hats, wheels, or anything else you can dream up with the markers.



With its gentle message of gratitude and connection enhanced by beautifully simple collage illustrations, this book makes for a charming gift.

*Sun gives us light.
Thank you, sun.*

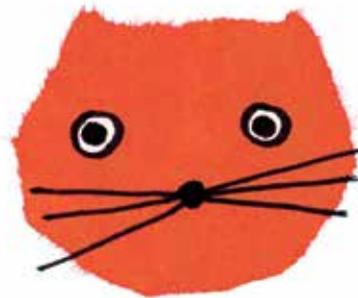
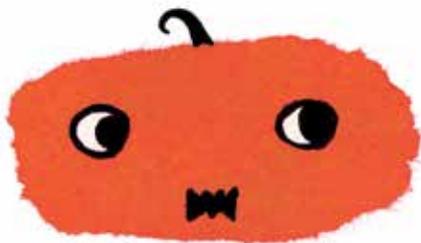
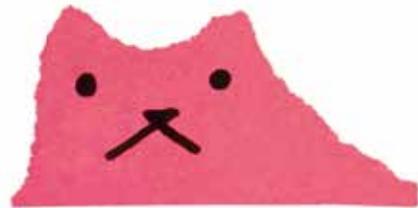
Clouds bring the rain that makes puddles to splash in. Sheep give us wool for our sweaters and hats. The honey that sweetens our bread comes from bees (thank you, bees). With spare, repetitive text and bright, torn-paper collage artwork, this picture book gives even the youngest readers a subtle sense of how everyday things are related—and inspires an appreciation for life's simple gifts.

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EXAMPLES OF TISSUE PAPER ART BY

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