

# Dia de los Ancestros



# *Dear Crafty Fairies !*

Thank you so much for offering your time and lending your hands to this special celebration. This will be 10 times better because of you!

This year, I would really like to bring a theme of natural colors to the decorations, inspired by the traditional spirit of Oaxaca. We will use natural materials such as corn husks, baskets, and clay pots, if possible, along with marigold flowers in their natural yellow and orange colors.

Since using fresh flowers throughout the school can be quite expensive, we will make paper marigolds for most of the decorations.

Hopefully, we can also have some fresh flowers in vases on the altar for a few days.





# Why Cempasúchil flowers?



The marigold flower, known as cempasúchil in Mexico, is vital to Mexican culture because its bright colors and strong scent act as a spiritual guide to welcome the souls of deceased loved ones back during Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Families scatter the soft orange and yellow petals on the ground or form pathways from the front door to the altar (ofrenda) so the souls do not get lost

The Aztecs viewed the bright, warm colors of the flower as a symbol of the sun and life's energy, given to them by the sun god Tonatiuh to honor the dead.



# The altar

Students altar & Staff altar

## *What needs to be crafted*

***Marigolds :*** Orange & yellow , Made with coffee filters

***Other few Flowers:*** Made with corn husk

***Butterflyes :*** Only Monarch

***Marigold Garlands:*** Made with paper Flowers

***White fabrics :*** Or light colors to decorate the altar

***Fresh flowers :*** In two different vases if possible

***Tea light candles:*** insted of real candles

***Baskets , clay pots:*** For food offerings

# Areas to decorate

- The hallway to the cafeteria
- The hallways of middle school, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Stage in the Gym



Idea for the hallways



Idea for the stage and cafeteria entrance.



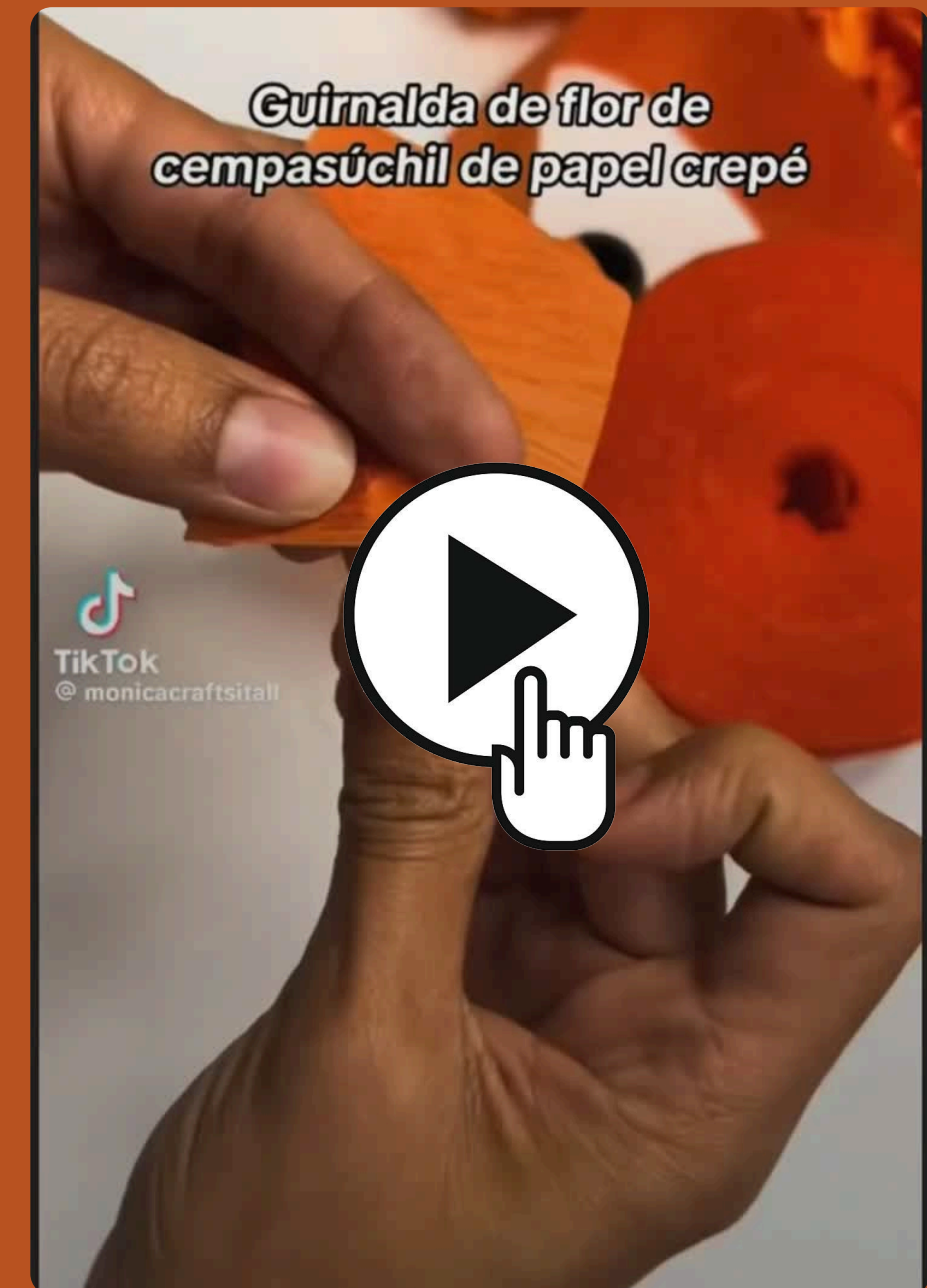
# How to make the flowers



Perfect for the stage



Perfect for hanging out  
in the halls

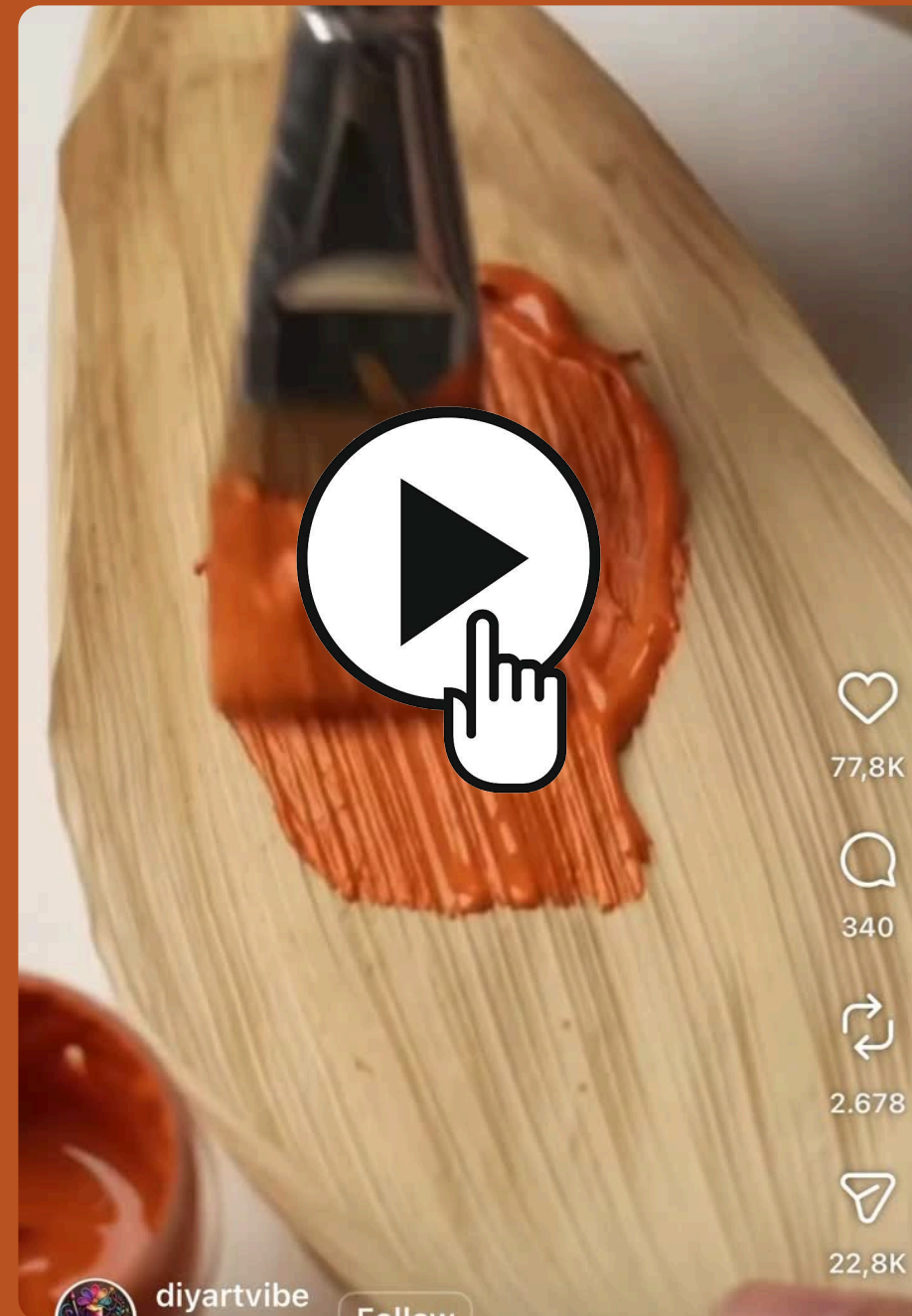
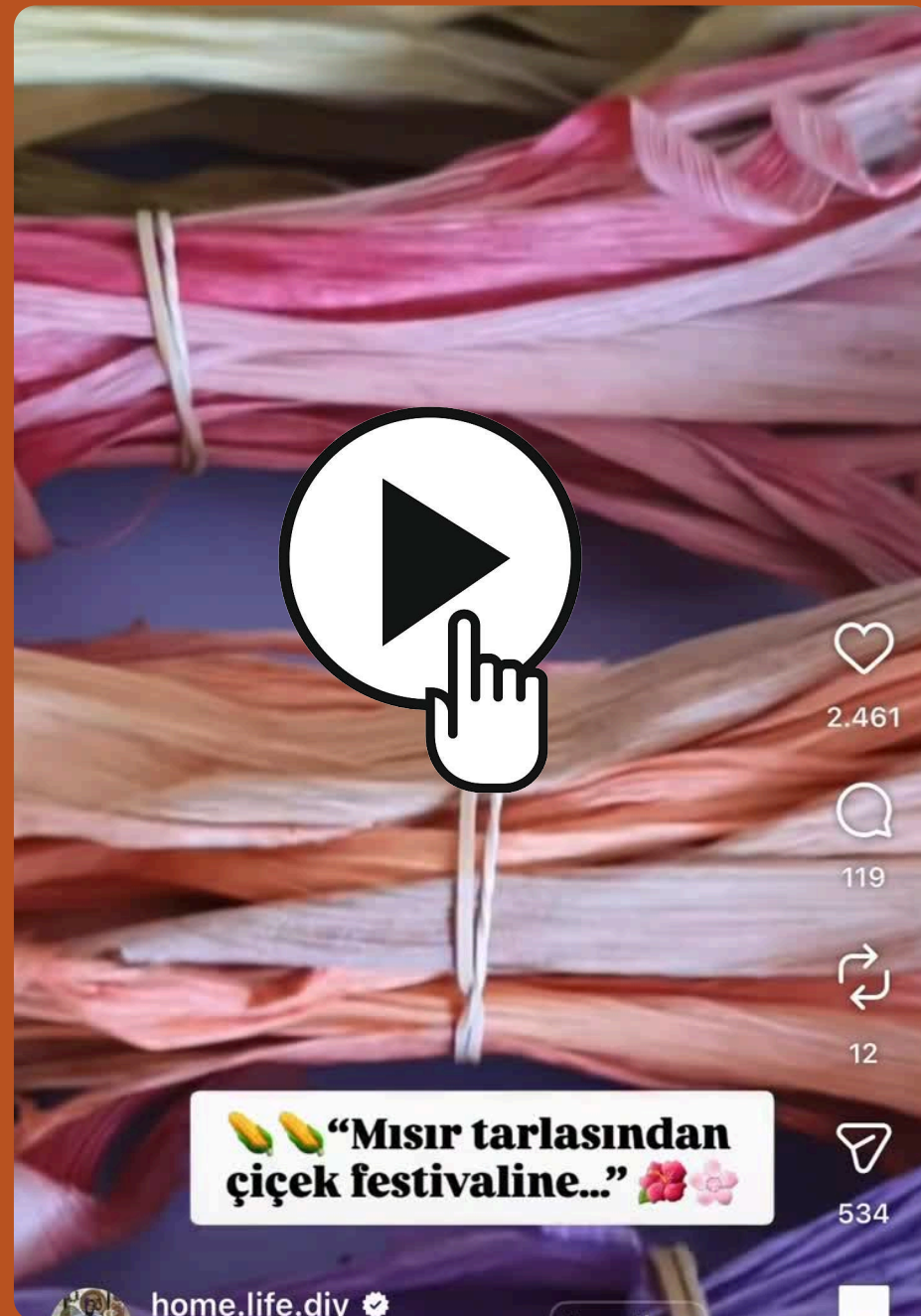


Perfect for the arch  
in the stage.

# flowers with corn husk



Due date for flowers October 19





## Others ways to support

- Help put up the decorations in the hallways.
- Help take down the decorations in the hallways.
- I will have the materials ready on Thursday! Come by my office and pick some up. Donations of paper or corn husks are very welcome!

*Thank you so much !*