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# Flower Theme Paper Quilt

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Every time I walk through the craft store I get a little shiver when I walk by the aisle filled with all those wonderful papers for scrapbooking and crafting. Lately I have found myself putting the papers into my shopping cart instead of just standing there and ogling them and now that I have a nice little collection I decided that I should start creating some art with them.

To make a paper quilt I first start by gathering up some papers and items that I think will work well together.



Then I arrange them until I get a composition that I like.



Once I've decided where everything will go I start sewing the pieces together.

I used a combination of straight and zig zag stitch to sew these paper layers together. I attached the flowers to the quilt using some decorative brads and I tied the buttons on using some perle cotton thread.



Next time you're in the craft store, take a walk down the paper aisle!

Sewing on paper is easy and fun and here are some tips that will help make your project a success:

- Use a sharp needle, a dull needle will make a bigger hole than you want and may actually tear the paper instead of piercing it.
- Remember that once you sew into the paper you can't rip your stitches out without leaving holes! Do some test sewing on a piece of scrap paper first to gauge your stitch length and thread color.
- Set your stitch length a bit longer than you would when sewing on fabric or you'll end up perforating the paper.
- If you find it difficult to sew because the paper keeps shifting around, use a little dab of glue stick to hold your pieces in place.