

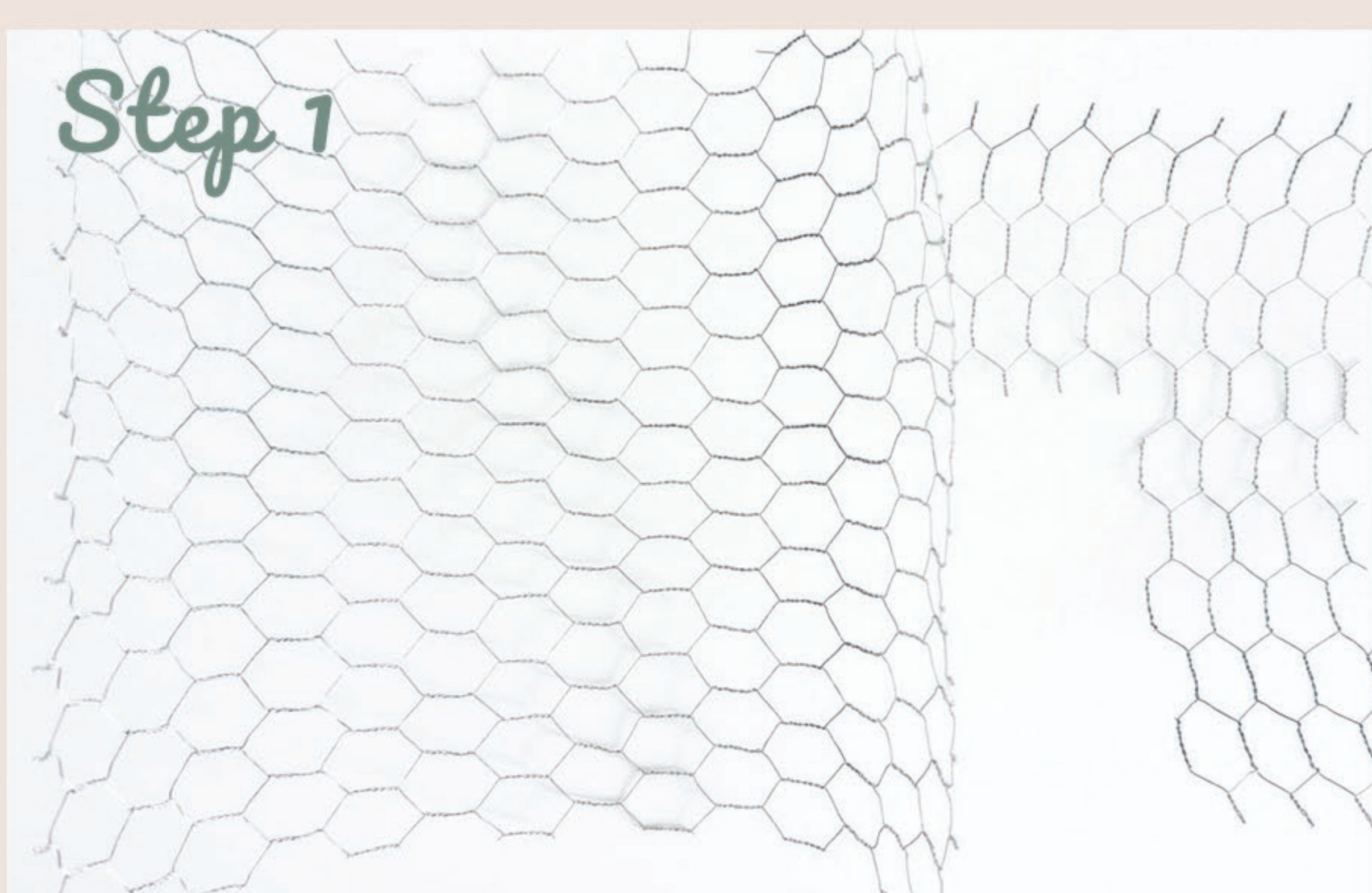
HOW TO MAKE FLOWER VASE WITH PAPER MACHE

Step by Step Guide

What You'll Need:

- Pliers
- Wire Cutter
- Chicken Wire Mesh
- Newspaper
- White Glue
- Facial Tissues
- White Acrylic Paint
- Baking Soda

Step 1



Cut a rectangular shape piece of chicken wire the following measurements: 30 cm x 35 cm. Cut a second – L shape – piece of netting with these measurements: 28 cm x 18 cm (left side) x 10 cm (right side)

Step 2



Roll the L shape mesh into a cylinder and connect the ends by twisting the loose ends around each other.

Step 3



Take the loose piece of mesh and fold on to the cylinder. Connect the ends to the bottom part of the cylinder by twisting the loose ends – this will act as a base for the vase.

Step 4



Now roll the larger piece of chicken wire into a cylinder and connect the ends by twisting the loose ends around each other.

Step 5



Place the tube you have just created on to the base and connect the ends with the same method. Start to form the vase by pulling and pushing the chicken wire until it resembles a head.

Step 6



Cut up the newspaper into approximately 3 cm x 8 cm pieces. You can also rip them into irregular shape pieces as it can be easier to cover the curves.

Step 7



Take the white glue and mix it with approximately the same amount of water. Dip the newspaper pieces in the glue mixture and remove the excess with your fingers before sticking it to the wire sculpture

Step 8



One by one cover the sculpture with the newspaper pieces dipped in glue. After you have finished applying the first layer let the vase dry.

Step 9



Apply a second coat of newspaper with the glue mixture and let it dry as well.

Step 10



For the third layer use facial tissues instead of newspaper to get a smoother finish. Firstly apply a coat of glue with a brush, stick the pieces of tissue paper into the glue then gently apply a new thin layer of glue on the top of the tissue.

Step 11



After the last coat has dried you can paint your vase with acrylic paint (we used white). To add a rustic touch add a teaspoon of baking soda to the paint.

Step 12



After the paint has dried your vase is ready to use. Add some pampas grass or any artificial flowers of your choice.