

The Wonderful World of Paper Quilling

Paper quilling has gained popularity with children of all ages, besides even adults show keen interest in learning the craft, this was seen at a recently concluded workshop at ICG . This workshop conducted by Lavina Melvani was spread over a week and included basic and special training in paper quilling.

Quilling is all about paper, and paper when rolled and folded lends itself to a whole lot of forms and shapes that can really be experimented with. It is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, looped, curled, twisted, glued together and otherwise manipulated to create shapes which make up designs to decorate greeting cards, pictures, boxes and also to make jewellery.

Lavina, a graphic designer by profession has become actively involved in paper quilling ever since she learnt it a few years ago. Now she chooses to spend time with children teaching them the fascinating art of paper quilling. She says “it is truly amazing how simple it is and yet can engage a child of 4 and an adult of 70”.

In this workshop, she started with the basic course where participants learnt to use paper strips to make simple designs and greeting cards. Later they advanced to the special course where they learnt to make more complicated forms like jewellery such as earrings, pendants, key chains, fridge magnets and even 3d characters out of paper strips. Children and adults who participated in this activity were seen to be completely engrossed and created their own beautifully intricate designs with the basic kits provided.

Due to the excellent response from participants; who want to explore more into the world of paper quilling, Lavina plans to hold regular monthly classes at ICG. The next one-week course is fixed for the 27th to the 31st of May.