

## Sturdy Stem (used to build Orchid, Paper Folded Leaves,

Birds of Paradise)

### What you'll need:

- scissors
- green crepe paper
- floral tape
- 16-gauge galvanized wire  
(sold in a roll; we purchased a 200 roll)
- wire cutter
- tape measure

### What you'll do:

**Step 1:** Cut a 60" length of 16-gauge galvanized wire.

**Step 2:** Fold the wire in half and twist together.

**Step 3:** Wrap the twisted wire with crepe paper and floral tape so that the crepe paper makes the wire thicker and all you see is the floral tape, no wire or crepe paper. When you get done wrapping, if you have any crepe paper showing, just cover with pieces of floral tape.

**Tip:** The far ends of the wires need space to rotate. As you work your way down twisting the wire, the ends become easier to manage.