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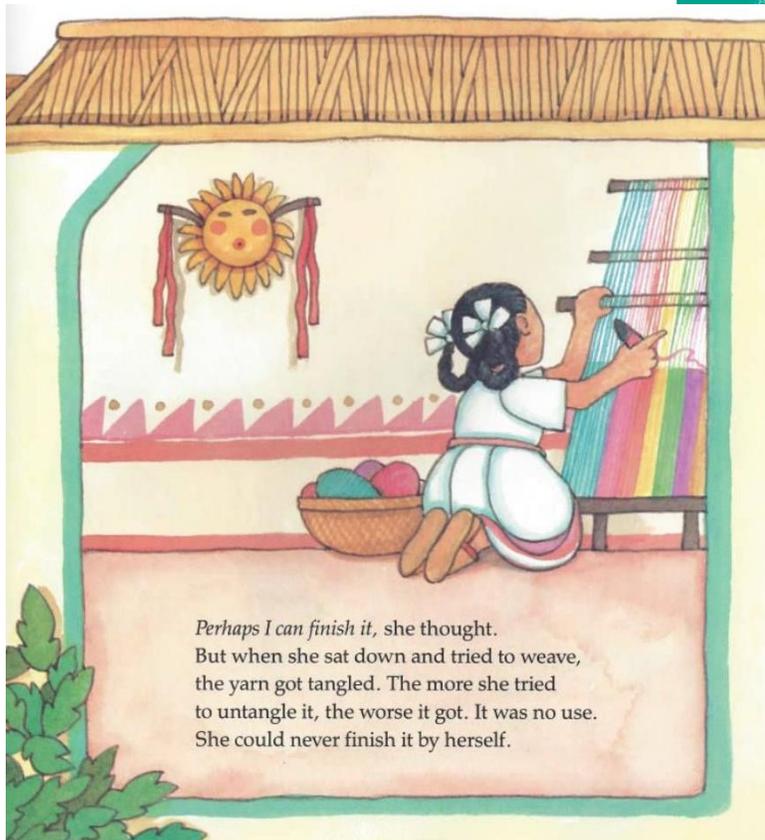
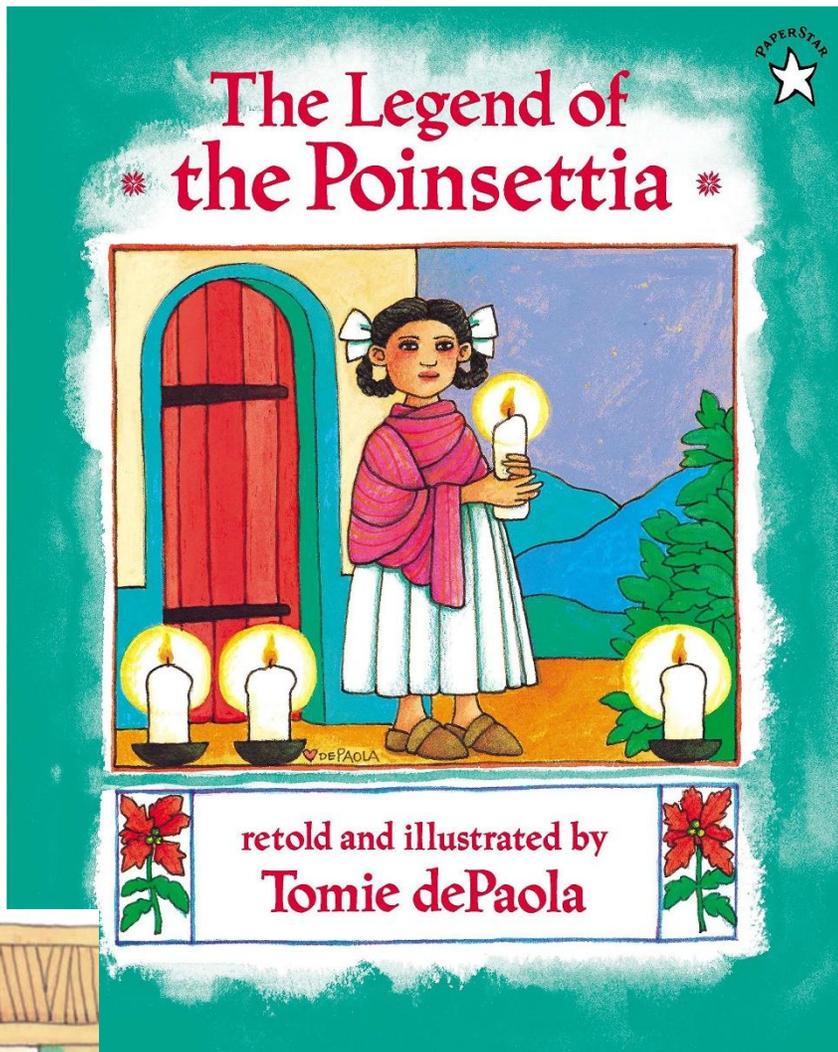
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The Legend of the Poinsettia is based on an old Mexican tale that tells the story of the classic Christmas flower – the poinsettia.

Young Lucida works with her mother to make a woven blanket for the Baby Jesus to wear at the church's Christmas Nativity ceremony. Lucida tries to finish the blanket on her own when her mother gets sick, but it turns out to be a disaster. She ruins the blanket and is horribly embarrassed.

Because of her, she thought, the family had no gift to give the Baby Jesus that night.

The Legend of the Poinsettia By Tomie dePaola



Perhaps I can finish it, she thought. But when she sat down and tried to weave, the yarn got tangled. The more she tried to untangle it, the worse it got. It was no use. She could never finish it by herself.

Instead of joining her family for the Christmas ceremony, she hides outside the church service that Christmas Eve. An old woman approaches her to tell her that "any gift is beautiful because it is given."

Lucida looks around and all she sees is a patch of old weeds. She places the weeds around the manger and they magically turn into beautiful poinsettias.

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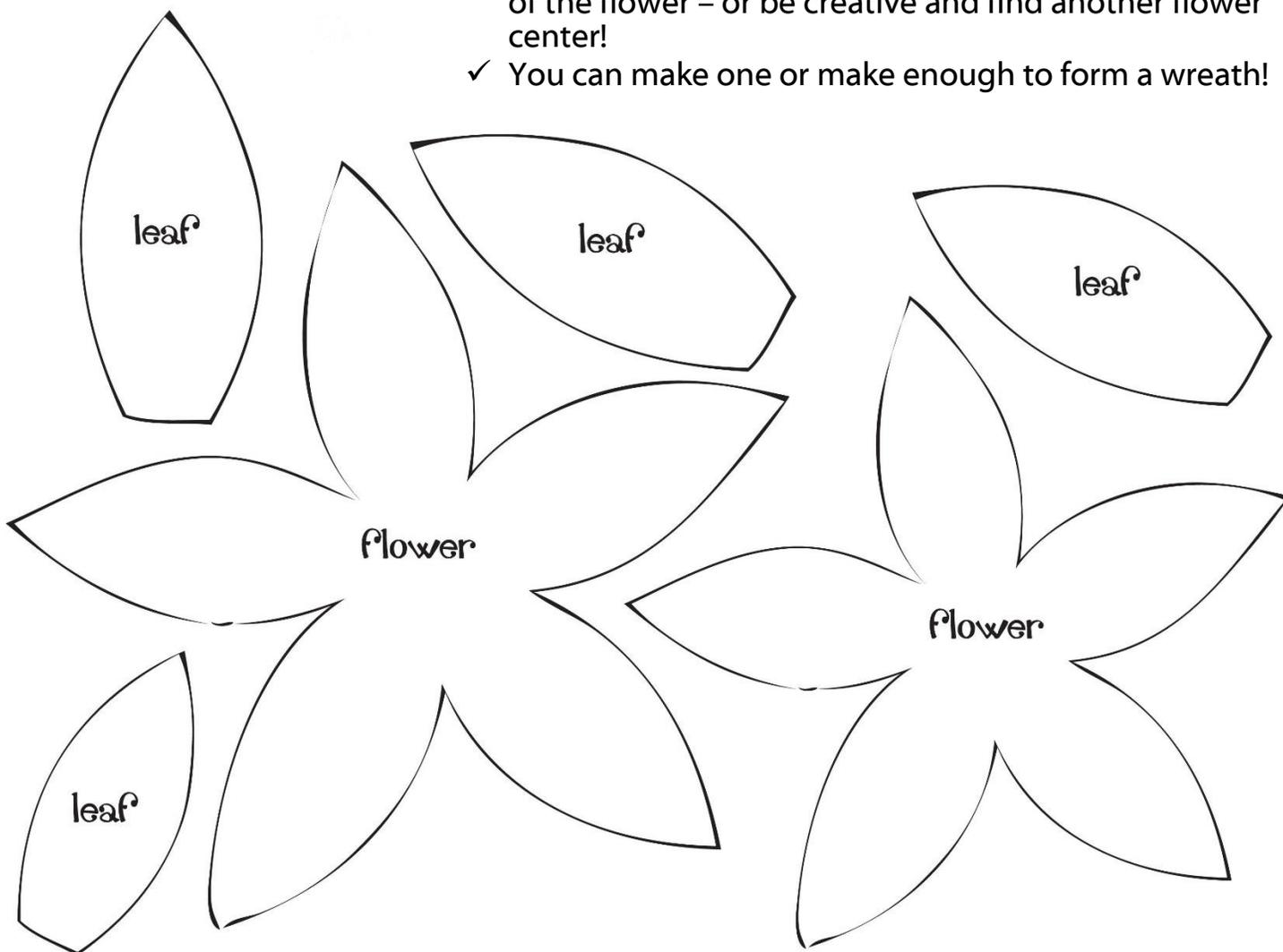
Make a Poinsettia

You Will Need:

- ✓ Paper (card stock or construction paper)
- ✓ Printer
- ✓ Red and green markers, crayons, or colored pencils (if you aren't able to use construction paper)
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Tape or glue

Directions:

- ✓ Print and cut out each leaf and flower
- ✓ If you don't have green and red construction paper, color the four leaves green and the two flowers red
- ✓ Use tape donuts or glue to layer the poinsettia together
 - Leaves in the back, then the larger flower, and the smaller flower on top
- ✓ You can use a small yellow circle to make the center of the flower – or be creative and find another flower center!
- ✓ You can make one or make enough to form a wreath!





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