Conversation Carnations

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With a few inexpensive materials and a little imagination, create table centerpieces which will be conversation pieces as well.

The mainstays of these season-spanning centerpieces are carnations made from cleansing tissues. All of the materials needed to create these attractive decorations can be found at home or at the dime store.

For each carnation, you'll need:
- 2 cleansing tissues
- 1 paper clip
- Narrow ribbon

Now:
1. With pinking shears, cut tissues in half lengthwise.
2. Trim long edges with pinking shears.
3. Accordion-pleat each piece into 1/2 inch pleats across the short width.
4. Stack 4 pleated strips together, fasten in exact center with paper clip.
5. Hold fan-shaped tissues by paper clip; carefully separate double layers of tissue.
6. Wind paper clip end with ribbon; attach ribbon bow to lower end of clip.