

Celebrate Youth Arts Month: Make Your Own Flower Garden

Welcome to Youth Arts Month Lesson 4!

Young children will delight in making their very own flower garden with these torn-paper petals.

Look at beautiful flowers outdoors with a grown-up or adult.
Find pictures of them in catalogs and magazines.
Where are the stems, leaves, and flower petals?



Remember the beautiful colors when you make your very own Paper Petals.

Supplies

- * Markers
- * Construction Paper
- * Non-Toxic Glue Sticks

Directions:

1. Color one sheet of construction paper with green markers for your flower stems and leaves. Color other sheets in bright flower colors.
2. Tear your colored papers into small pieces. Make several shapes and sizes.
3. On another sheet of construction paper, arrange your colored paper bits into blooming flowers. Add stems and leaves to your artwork.
4. Attach your flowers to the background paper with a non-toxic glue stick. Overlap some of your Paper Petals to get a 3-D flower effect. Draw designs around the flower or write your name if you like.



Safety Guidelines:

Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for all ages of children, including those 3 years and younger. Whenever an art project is done with children ages 3 and younger, close adult supervision is required to ensure safety.



Educators:

Teach children the symbolism of flowers.

Red roses - are given as a symbol of love, beauty and passion.

Poppies - are a symbol of consolation in time of death.

Irises/Lily - are associated with stars or the sun and its petals as blooming or shining.

Daisies - are a symbol of innocence.



Interesting Info:

California is the source for nearly 60% of all USA-grown fresh-cut flowers. People in the United States buy more than a billion fresh-cut roses every year. That's almost 5 roses for every man, woman and child nationwide.



Art Thought for the Day:

Color in a picture is like enthusiasm in life.
Vincent Van Gogh ~ pioneer of expressionism,
teacher, missionary worker

