

Paper Daises 9-12

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Lesson

Did you know 1st flower to appear on earth was 114 million years ago! Daises are believed to be 4,000 years old. In English history, the daisy was referred to as Day's Eye, & this name was a reference to the way the flower opened & closed with the sun. The way the daisy followed the sun's pattern led people to believe that the daisy was a cure for eye troubles. Not only have daises been thought to cure eye troubles, but apparently King Henry VIII ate them to cure his stomach ulcers. It has also been said that a cure for insanity was to drink crushed daises doused in wine over a 15 day period. The Assyrians used daises to turn grey hair dark again by mixing daises with oil. Daises have long been the flower associated with spring!



Questions for students

What do you think of when you see a daisy?

Can you think of a famous artist that painted a lot of flowers?

Why are people so obsessed with flowers?

What other creatures love flowers?

Why are flower important in nature?

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Materials

- Old Magazines/poster/book pages/maps/calendars/ect.
- Dried up pens, stick or rolled up paper
- Tacky Glue
- Scissor
- Floral tape or green masking tape
- Old jar or vase



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Other Learning Resources

More Information About Daisies

<http://flowerfreshonline.com/daisy-flower-history.html>

Videos About Flowers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13aUo5fEjNY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PohyUZS0kck>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xglvNR-fMSk>



Claude Monet



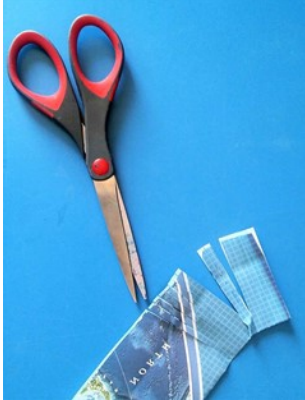
Georgia O'Keeffe



Vincent Van Gogh



Instructions



1. Determine the colors you want your flowers to be & pick out paper material that matches those colors. Magazine ads, books, file folders, and maps are just a few examples. (Remember the idea is to use stuff you already have, not to go out & buy materials. Come check out our selection!)
2. Fold the paper length-wise about 2 inches deep. (For a larger flower, make the fold deeper.) If you want the flower smaller, have the length of the paper be about 15 inches.
3. Cut the fold so you have a strip of paper that is 2-ply (meaning that one end is folded & the other one open).
4. On the open end, take the scissors & cut strips. Do not cut all the way through the paper. Continue cutting along the whole strip.
5. Put a line of glue or double-sided tape on the folded edge of the strip & start to roll the strip with the glue on the inside of the roll.
6. Once the strip is rolled, take your stick & push it up the middle of the roll. (If using a dried up pen, make sure to remove the ink cartridge.) To make it extra secure, add hot glue to the end of the stick.
7. Wrap the base with tape to make sure it is extra secure. For longer stems, use two pens & attach them together.
8. For a finishing touch, you can cut a leaf shape out & add that to your stem with masking or floral tape.
9. Wrap the stem in floral tape to give it a nice green color or use paint.
10. Lastly, fluff the flower petals downward to make the flower bloom.
11. Repeat this process to create a bouquet & place in a vase or old jar.