

Paper Roses 9-12

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Lesson

Did you know 1st flower to appear on earth was 114 million years ago! Roses in particular have a long & colorful history. They have been symbols of love, beauty, war, & politics. The rose is, according to fossil evidence, 35 million years old. In nature, the genus *Rosa* has some 150 species spread throughout the Northern Hemisphere. Garden cultivation of roses began some 5,000 years ago, probably in China. During the Roman period, roses were grown extensively in the Middle East. They were used as confetti at celebrations, for medicinal purposes, & as a source of perfume. Many people today associate roses with love, because they are common gift given, today we are going to make a rose that will never die.



Questions for students

What do you think of when you see a rose?

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
- Hot Glue
- Marker
- Scissor
- Floral tape or green masking tape
- Old jar or vase



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Other Learning Resources

More Information About Roses

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/roses/history.cfm>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/when-a-red-rose-isnt-enchanted-how-long-can-it-last-180962451/>

Videos About Flowers/ Roses

<https://time.com/5519476/roses-symbol-love-valentines-day/>

<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. Draw a swirl on the whole sheet of paper. Any size paper will work. The larger the paper, the larger your flower will be



3. Cut the swirl, then use the outside end of the swirl to start rolling it up. Once you get to the inside of the swirl, add a generous amount of hot glue & release the roll a little & press the ends into the hot glue, making adjustments as it sets. The fullness of your flower will depend on how loose or tight the roll is.



4. For the stem, take your stick, dried pen or wooden dowel & put a big dot of glue on the base of the flower & insert the pen. If using a dried up pen, be sure to remove the ink cartridge. Hold & let dry.



5. Wrap the base with tape to make sure it is extra secure. For longer stems, use two pens & attach them together.

6. For a finishing touch, you can cut a leaf shape out & add that to your stem with masking or floral tape.

7. Wrap the stem in floral tape to give it a nice green color or use paint. Repeat this process to create a bouquet & place in a vase or old jar.



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