

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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## BLOOMING ART

Ages 5-12

Have you ever heard of the expression *green thumb*? While it doesn't mean you actually have green fingers, it does mean that you have a natural talent for growing plants. But if you think about it, the expression isn't entirely accurate because plants aren't always just green!

Close your eyes for a moment, and imagine a nature scene filled with plants and flowers. What colors come to mind? While green was probably somewhere in the scene that you imagined, nature certainly has a huge variety of other colors as well.

### Be Inspired

Speaking of color . . . Take a look at the Blooming Art that you created. Do you think you may be able to find real flowers that look like this colorful artwork? Let's give it a try!

1. To begin, sketch a picture of each Blooming Art flower (in color) in the squares below.

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2. Next, let's search for flowers that look like your artwork! But before you do: Did you know that there are two different types of flowers? **Annual** flowers last for only one season, whereas **perennial** flowers regrow every spring.



Once your garden is planted and your flowers have begun to bloom, use [#KidsWorkshopExplore](#) to post a picture of your real-life Blooming Art!

Use the links below to search for both types of flowers. Once you click on each link, scroll down the webpage until you see “Shop by Color.” Click on the color of your Blooming Art flower, and you’ll be able to see many different kinds of real flowers that are the same color.

- [Perennial Flowers](#)

[homedepot.com/b/Outdoors-Garden-Center-Garden-Plants-Flowers-Perennials/N-5yc1vZc8ry](https://www.homedepot.com/b/Outdoors-Garden-Center-Garden-Plants-Flowers-Perennials/N-5yc1vZc8ry)

- [Annual Flowers](#)

[homedepot.com/b/Outdoors-Garden-Center-Garden-Plants-Flowers-Annuals/N-5yc1vZc8rm](https://www.homedepot.com/b/Outdoors-Garden-Center-Garden-Plants-Flowers-Annuals/N-5yc1vZc8rm)

3. Search for flowers that match the color and the overall look of your artwork. Try to find three or four different types of real-life flowers that remind you of each different flower art. Write the names of these flowers on the lines next to each sketch above so you can easily remember their names later.

## Create Real-Life Art

Now that you know what kinds of flowers match your Blooming Art, let’s bring your artwork to life!

1. Take your Blooming Art flower list to the Home Depot Garden Center, and see if you can find seeds or flowers that match your research. If you can’t find the exact same flowers, it’s okay! Just try to match them as closely as you can so you have one flower or seed that reminds you of each flower in your artwork.

2. When you are back home, use the garden soil and the hand trowel/shovel to plant the seeds or flowers carefully in your flower pots. \*Use one flower pot for each type of flower or seed. If you’re planting seeds, be sure to read the directions on the seed packet carefully so you know how to plant them. Not all types of seeds are the same!

*\*If you have a yard with space for planting flowers and if the weather in your region is cooperative, you may choose to plant your flowers outside in the ground instead of in pots. Discuss your options with your family and choose the best solution for your home.*

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  - a. How much water does each plant need? Not all plants have the same water requirements, so it may be helpful to jot yourself a reminder.
  - b. Which plants require sun and which plants do better in the shade? Try to choose a home for your flowerpots where all light needs can be met.

4. Once you have considered all of these important details, it’s time to sit back, nurture your seeds/plants, and watch them grow. Before too long, you should have a live version of your Blooming Art!

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