# **WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY**

**Built by The Home Depot Kids Workshops** 

## February 2023: Valentines Vase

Ages 5-12

#### CONNECT.

Flowers come in all different varieties. They can vary in terms of color, shape, size, number of petals, stem type, seeds, and even how they smell!

Think about the flowers you've seen—in nature, in a vase, or planted in a garden. Do you have a favorite type?

#### INVESTIGATE.

#### You'll need:

- · Device with internet access
- · Paper or notepad
- Pencil
- · Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- Create a three-column flower chart on your paper or notepad with the following headers:

Flower Name	Sketch	Fun Fact	
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- Then, with the help of an adult, use the internet to research different kinds of flowers. The Home Depot's Garden Center website may be a good place to start!
- 3. Try to learn about at least five flowers that are new to you and record this information on your chart. Take time on your sketches because you'll need them for the *Innovate* section below!

### INNOVATE.

Now let's decorate your Valentines Day vase holder with these flower designs.

#### You'll need:

- Your Valentines vase
- Your flower chart from the Investigate section
- · Posterboard or cardboard to use for stencils
- Pencil
- Scissors
- · Paintbrushes of various sizes
- · Acrylic paint of various colors
- Fine-point permanent marker
- Glue stick
- Glitter

 Use a pencil to sketch the flowers from your flower chart lightly onto the wooden vase holder. Try to include each flower at least once. You can make them big or small and draw as many of each type as you would like.

**Tip:** If it's tricky to draw directly on the wooden vase holder, sketch the flowers on the posterboard or cardboard first. Then cut out the designs and use the cutouts as stencils!

- 2. Once you're happy with your sketches, use the paint to transform them into colorful flowers that look as real and lifelike as possible. Experiment with mixing colors to get the shades you're looking for.
- Once the paint has dried, label the name of each flower with the permanent marker.
- If you'd like, use the glue stick and glitter to add a little glitz to your design.



You created beautiful flowers in your project! Just like a Landscaper's goal is to create a beautiful environment with plants. A **Landscaper** is responsible for growing and caring for the outdoor space of homes or buildings. They plan the design, plant flowers, and remove weeds.

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