

# RAFT IDEAS

Topics: Crafts, Flowers

## Materials List

- ✓ Green cardstock 21 cm x 28 cm (8 ½" x 11")
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Small flower-shaped cut-outs or pictures (Die cuts are available at RAFT)

This activity can be used to support the teaching of:

- Experiment w/ forms, structures & materials (National Visual Arts Standards: Creating, Grades K-3)



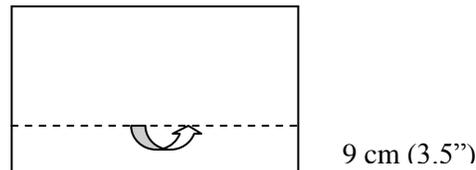
# A Bouquet of Flowers



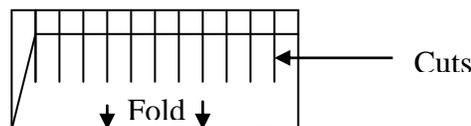
In this easy art project, students can design and make their own flower bouquets.

## Assembly

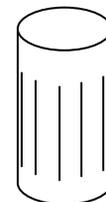
1. Using a sheet of green cardstock, fold up approximately 9 cm (3.5").



2. Cut 1 cm to 2/5 cm (~½" to 1") strips part of the way down from the top, approximately 4 cm (~1½") from the folded edge (make sure not to cut all the way to the bottom).



3. Roll the strip into a cylinder and tape or glue it together.
4. Curl some of the "stems" outward.
5. Students can design their own flowers from a variety of classroom materials.
6. Glue flowers to the stems to make a bouquet!



## The Content Behind The Activity

Flowering plants, **Magnoliophyta (or angiosperms)**, first appeared on Earth at least 140 million years ago. A major group of modern plants, angiosperms produce seeds in specialized organs called flowers, which produce an enclosed ovary or carpel. Scientists have cataloged over 215,000 species of flowering plants, representing over 460 families. The 5 most common families, by number of species, are the daisy, orchid, pea, grass, and coffee families. Flowers are, like most forms of life on Earth, mostly water. In this activity, students can create their own bouquet, perhaps while hearing about the history of flowers.

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