

PROJECT #1

ORIGAMI FLOWER



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- newspaper inserts
- colored pencils
- scrapes of paper
- razor blades
- glue
- real flowers (lily or astremeria)

PREP:

Discuss with students the “power of desert flowers” with pollinators and how desert plants have special adaptations to attract them. Discuss the process of pollination and fertilization. Teacher will have ready real flowers (can be bought from the grocery store or flower shop), for the class to dissect and observe parts of a flower. Good flowers to use are a lily or astremeria. Have students draw and label different flower parts on construction paper.

IN THE CLASSROOM:

Have teacher discuss and show students how to fold recycled paper into origami shapes. Teacher will have a few examples of flowers (ideas can be downloaded from the internet, ww.metacafe.com/watch/36915/making_an_origami_flower/), a rose, lily or tulip. Have students pick out which flower to fold. Then let students fold and design their flowers.

PROJECT #2

ABSTRACT FLOWER DESIGN



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IN THE CLASSROOM:

Teacher will discuss and have a list of desert flowers, along with pictures of the flowers for the students to see and use as examples for their flower creation. Have students pick a desert flower of their choice. Have the students cut recycled paper into pieces. Have students glue pieces of paper onto construction paper to create their abstract flower design. Students can compare their abstract versions with botanical or scientific drawings.

BULLETIN BOARD



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Display the abstract pictures of flowers and origami flowers on board. Students can compare botanical or scientific drawings to their abstract pictures on board.

EXAMPLES OF SOME DESERT FLOWERS:

Desert Senna

Ironwood blossom

Penstemon

Brittlebush

Globemallow

Blue Palo Verde blossom

Mesquite catkin