



Design Your Own Flower

Outdoor or Indoor Activity

You will need:

A selection of flowers or pictures of flowers

A magnifying glass

The 'My Flower Design' sheet

Lots of imagination!

The Activity

1. Look at some different flowers. You could collect some wild flowers on a walk or look in your own garden. Make sure you only take one flower from each plant, or, better still, pick up a flower that has fallen to the ground. Another good idea is to buy a bunch of mixed flowers from a florist or the supermarket. If you can't get hold of fresh flowers, look at pictures in a book or online.
2. Once you get home, put your flowers onto a couple of sheets of wet kitchen roll in a container. This will keep them fresher for longer. Or if they have long stalks, you could put them in a vase or jug of water.
3. Look at all your flowers closely and choose 5 or 6 that are your favourites. Look at them closely with your magnifying glass. Think about the following things:
 - What colour are they?
 - How many petals do they have?
 - What shape are the petals?
 - What are their leaves like?
 - Do they have a scent? What is it like?
 - Are the flowers big or small?
 - How do the flowers feel when you touch them?
4. Now, use the ideas you have from looking at the flowers to design your own flower. Think about its colour, shape and size, and what its leaves are like. Use coloured pens or pencils to make it look exactly how you want it to. Don't forget to give it a name!