

Flower Arranging



Otter: Do 4 requirements including the 2 starred

_____ 1.* Learn the proper way to care for cut flowers.

- Use plain, lukewarm water for most cut flowers, but use cold water for bulb flowers, such as daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips.
- Change the water every 2 days -- don't just top it off. *This is the single most effective thing you can do to keep your flowers looking fresh.*
- Keep flowers out of direct sunlight, and move them to a cool place at night.
- Give daffodils their own vase -- daffodil stems give off a compound that is toxic to other flowers.
- Keep cut flowers away from fruit, which releases a gas that causes flowers to age faster

_____ 2.* Demonstrate the proper way to cut flowers. Flowers keep best when cut with a sharp knife (un-serrated) and plunged immediately into water. Always make a cut on a slant, as it exposes more stem surface area. Also, remove leaves that will be under water in the arrangement, but do not remove thorns from roses as it tends to shorten their life.

_____ 3. Learn to identify at least 10 different types of flowers.

_____ 4. Make a center piece for a table display

_____ 5. Make a 3 bud vase.

_____ 6. Make a bouquet and give it to someone.

_____ 7. Make a flower wreath.

_____ 8. Take a field trip to a florist shop.

Dolphin: Do 5 requirements including the 2 starred

_____ 1.* Complete Otter requirements 1 & 2.

_____ 2.* Demonstrate a use for faded flowers rather than simply throwing them away. Ideas might include:

- Cut them up and add them to a compost pile
- Dry flowers and petals for use in sachets, wreaths, and aromatherapy projects
- Press flowers for making personalized note cards
- If you are using edible flowers, first make sure they are truly edible and free of all chemicals and then with adult supervision add them to salads, cakes, casseroles and soups.

_____ 3. Learn to identify at least 12 different types of flowers.

_____ 4. Make a center piece for a table display

- _____ 5. Make a 3 bud vase.
- _____ 6. Make a bouquet and give it to someone.
- _____ 7. Learn to make a floral bow to add to your arrangements.
- _____ 8. Make a flower wreath.
- _____ 9. Take a field trip to a florist shop.
- _____ 10. Learn to identify and know the purpose of the following tools and supplies for flower arranging:

Floral wire
 Wire cutters
 Floral foam
 Floral picks
 Floral tape
 Floral frog
 Candle cups
 Water picks
 Styrofoam forms
 Floral pins
 Glue gun
 Tulle

Butterfly: Do 6 requirements including the 2 starred

- _____ 1.* Do Dolphin requirements 1 & 2
- _____ 2.* Learn basic flower arrangement shapes (arc, circle, curve, right angle, triangular, crescent, oval, "S", etc.) and be able to tell which shape would be appropriate for the following occasions:

A center piece that can be seen from all sides for a display table
 A center piece that can be seen from all sides at a dinner table
 A table arrangement that will only be seen from one side
 A hanging basket arrangement
 A bud vase

- _____ 3. Learn to identify at least 15 different flowers
- _____ 4. Make a center piece for a table display
- _____ 5. Make a 3 bud vase.
- _____ 6. Make a bouquet and give it to someone.
- _____ 7. Learn to make a floral bow to add to your arrangements.
- _____ 8. Make a corsage
- _____ 9. Make a flower wreath.
- _____ 10. Take a field trip to a florist shop.

- _____ 11. Find out what careers there are in the flower industry. What education would be required? What pay could you expect? What hours would you be expected to work?
- _____ 12. Volunteer to create flower arrangements for a specific event.
- _____ 13. Learn to identify and know the purpose of the following tools and supplies for flower arranging:

- Floral wire
- Wire cutters
- Floral foam
- Floral picks
- Floral tape
- Floral frog
- Candle cups
- Water picks
- Styrofoam forms
- Floral pins
- Glue gun
- Tulle

Eagle: Do 7 requirements including the 2 starred

- _____ 1.* Do Butterfly requirements 1 & 2.
- _____ 2.* Create at least one arrangement using real flowers, one using silk flowers and one using dried flowers.
- _____ 3. Learn to identify at least 20 different flowers
- _____ 4. Make a center piece for a table display
- _____ 5. Make a 3 bud vase.
- _____ 6. Make a bouquet and give it to someone.
- _____ 7. Make a flower wreath.
- _____ 8. Make a corsage.
- _____ 9. Demonstrate how to make at least 2 different types of bows to decorate your arrangements.
- _____ 10. Find out what careers there are in the flower industry. What education would be required? What pay could you expect? What hours would you be expected to work?
- _____ 11. Volunteer to create flower arrangements for a specific event.
- _____ 12. Learn to identify and know the purpose of the following tools and supplies for flower arranging:

- Floral wire
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<http://www.flowersforkids.org/>