



May Day Flowers

Flower Basket Read & Make

Grades 4-5

These “Read and Make” activities allow students to use their new awareness of flower vocabulary words as they read to make a paper basket and flower (NOT at the same time, but as 2 different assignments). One basket project, and 3 flower projects are provided. You can use as many of these projects as you wish, although I recommend only one flower per child.

Preview the directions with the students, using them as a reading lesson. When working with low achieving readers, it helps to act out the directions as they are read. When you are confident the students understand and have enough background information to complete the task, send them off to make a beautiful May basket.

Objective

Students will read and follow directions to make a basket and flower out of paper, using flower parts vocabulary.

Preparation

1. Choose which activities you wish to use. Decide if they will be completed as a whole class, or in small groups.
2. Run the worksheets (pages 2-11) off on cover stock or tag. (These worksheets can all be reused.)
 - Run page 2, Flower Basket directions, single sided, on cover stock, 1/child
 - Run pages 3-4, Daffodil directions, doubled sided, on cover stock, 1/3 children
 - Run page 5, Daffodil Tracers, single sided, on cover stock, 1/6 children
 - Run pages 6-7, Rose directions, double sided, on cover stock, 1/3 children
 - Run page 8, Rose Tracers, single sided, on cover stock, 1/6 children
 - Run pages 9-10, Chrysanthemum directions, double sided, on cover stock, 1/3 children.
 - Run page 11, Chrysanthemum tracers, single sided, on cover stock, 1/6 children.

This will give you enough flower directions for a full class of children, without making a whole class set of each flower. The children can choose one flower to make.

3. Laminate and trim the direction pages (pages 2, 3-4, 6-7, and 9-10).
4. Cut out the flower tracers (pages 5, 8, and 11) and put each set in a zipper bag. They'll last you a lifetime.
5. Gather the materials listed below. Set them up for easy student access.

Materials:

For the Basket

- spring colored construction paper cut to 8X8, 1/student
- spring colored construction paper cut to 1X8, 6/student
- roving or ribbon in spring colors, 18 inches/child

For the Flowers

- construction paper in flower petal colors—set out a variety
- yellow, orange, and green construction paper cut into 3X6 pieces, or scraps from your scrap box
- green pipe cleaners, 1/student (If you don't have pipe cleaners, you can use a piece of rolled and taped green paper.)

For both

- scissors
- glue or paste
- tape, and/or stapler



Flower Basket

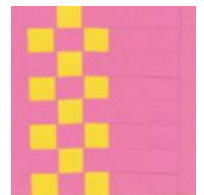
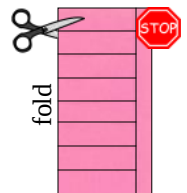
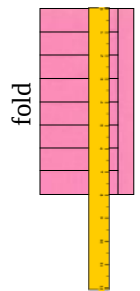


Materials:

- 1 piece of 8x8 construction paper in a spring color
- 6, 1x8 inch strips of construction paper in a contrasting spring color
- scissors
- paste or glue
- 18 inches of roving, string or ribbon in a spring color

Directions:

1. Fold a piece of 8x8 construction paper in half. With a ruler, lightly draw a line one inch in from the sides. Then draw parallel lines from the fold to your line, one inch apart.
2. Cut along the lines from the fold to the edge. STOP at the line you drew.
3. Open up the paper. Weave the one inch strips through the paper. Put paste at each end to secure it in place. Set it aside to dry.
4. When your weaving is dry, wrap two sides together to form a cone and staple them in place.
5. Punch a hole in the top and tie a piece of ribbon or roving on for a hanger.



Daffodil

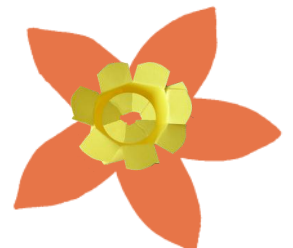
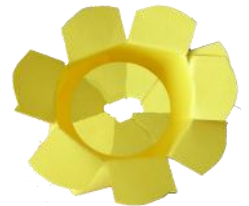
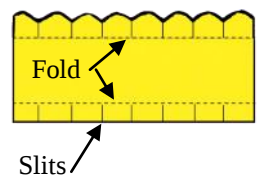
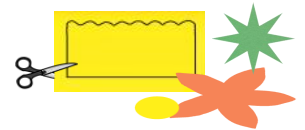
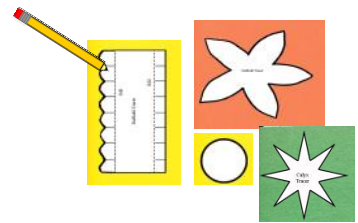


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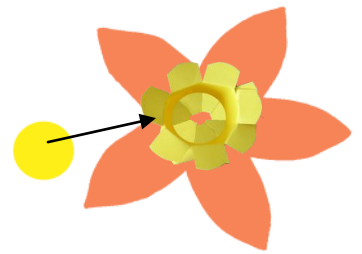
- yellow and orange construction paper
- green construction paper
- scissors
- paste or glue
- daffodil flower tracers
- chenille stems, or rolled & taped piece of green paper

Directions:

1. Use the daffodil tracers to draw the flower parts on yellow and/or orange paper. Trace the calyx on green paper.
2. Cut out the flower parts.
3. On the rectangle, fold each long side about 1/2 inch from the edge. Then use the tracer to help you draw lines from the folds to the edge of the shape. Cut slits on the lines you drew.
4. Fold the scalloped flaps outward and the straight flaps inward. Then roll the rectangle into a cylinder and glue or tape it together.
5. Place glue on the bottom of the inward flaps and glue the cylinder to the petals.



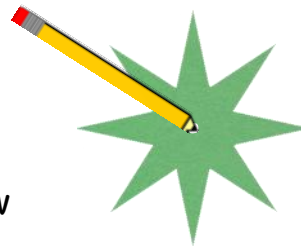
6. Glue the flower center inside the cylinder to cover the flaps. Set aside to dry.



7. When the glue is dry, tape or glue a chenille stem (pipe cleaner), or a piece of rolled green construction paper, to the back of the flower for the peduncle.



8. Punch a small hole in the center of the calyx with your pencil. Slide the calyx up the peduncle (the pipe cleaner) until it is just below the flower petals.



9. Cut out some long, strappy leaves and glue or staple them to the peduncle.



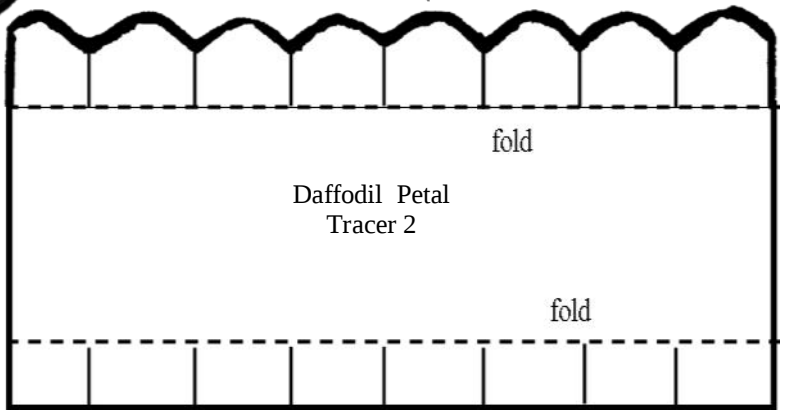
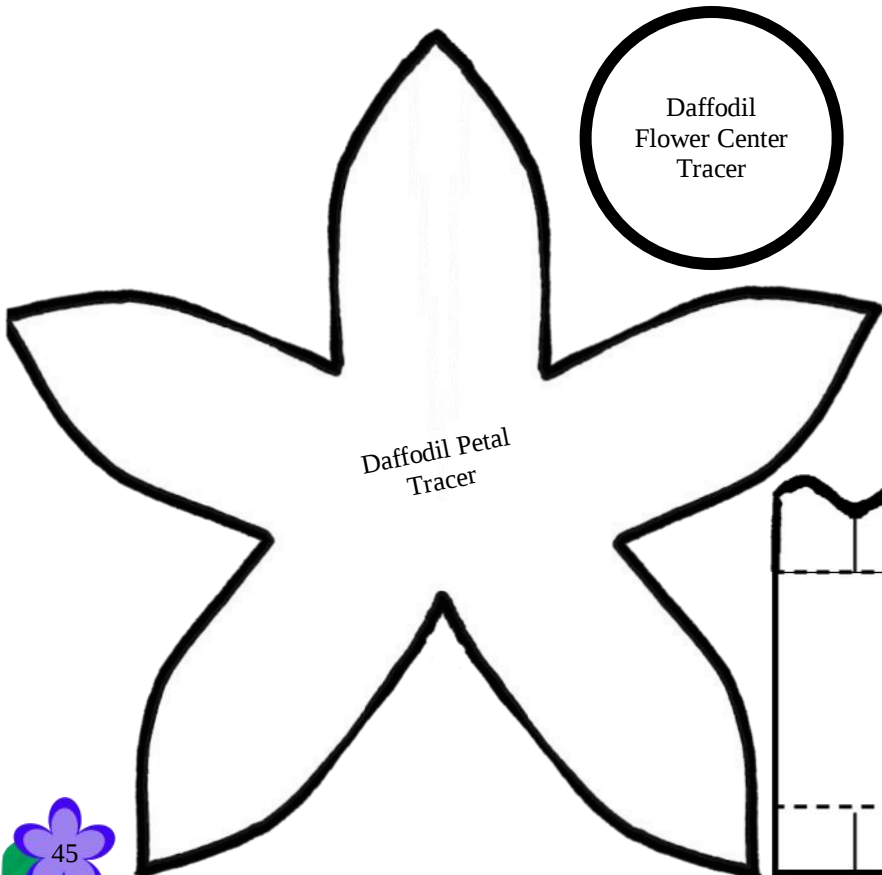
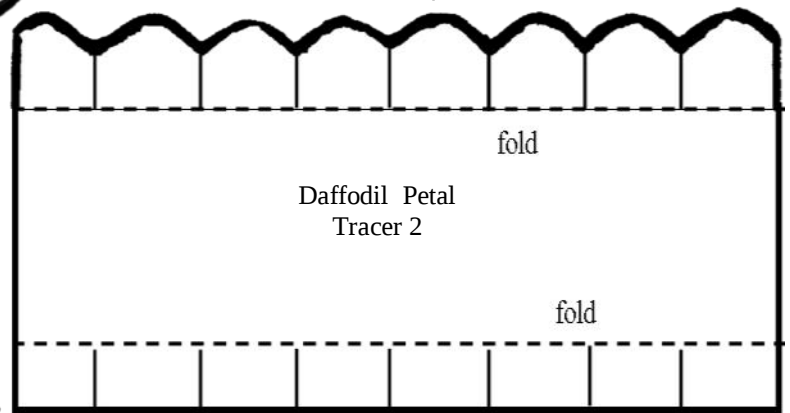
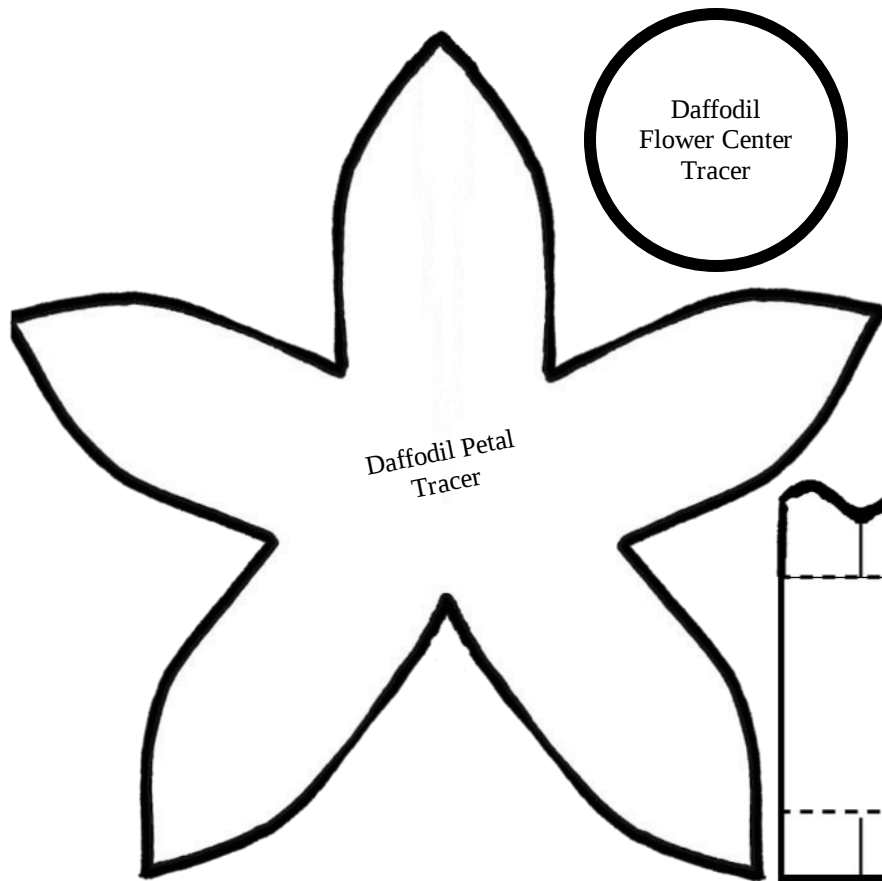
10. Put the daffodil in your basket when it is completely dry.



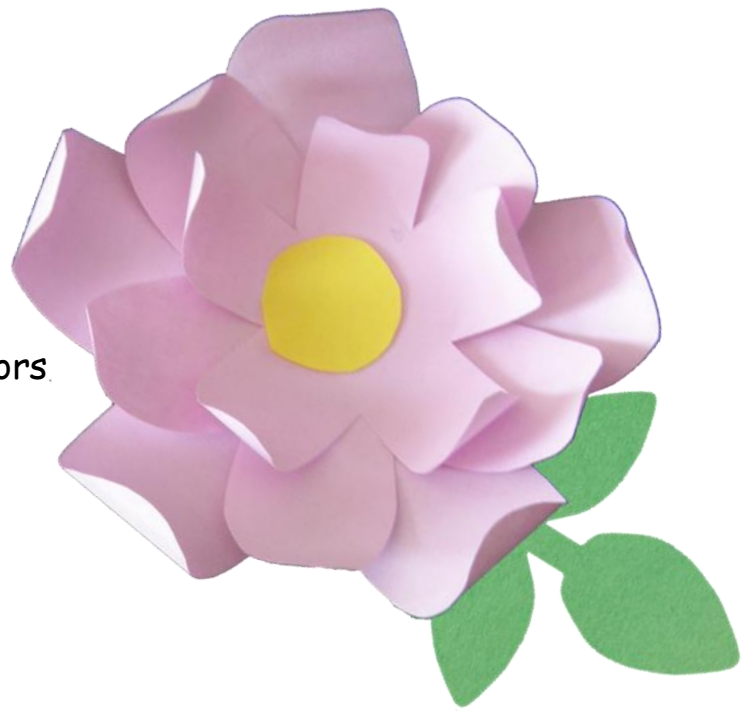
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Daffodil Tracers



Rose

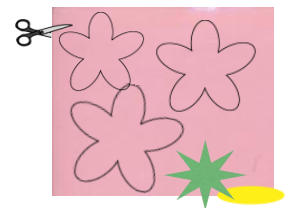
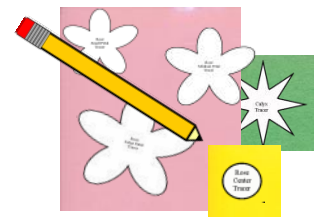


Materials:

- construction paper in various petal colors.
- yellow construction paper
- green construction paper
- scissors
- paste or glue
- rose flower tracers
- chenille stem, or rolled green paper
- tape and/or stapler

Directions:

1. Use the tracers to outline the parts of a rose flower on colored construction paper.
2. Cut out all the flower parts.
3. Curl the edges of each petal around a pencil. Do this for each set of petals.
4. Glue the petal sets together with the largest on the bottom and the smallest on the top. Stagger them so the petals fill in the spaces. Just use a dot or two of glue in the center of each layer.
5. Glue the flower center in the middle of the flower.



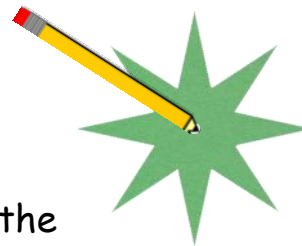
6. Set the rose aside to dry.



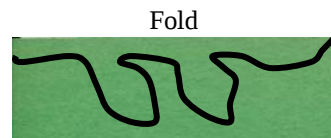
7. When the glue is dry, tape a chenille stem (pipe cleaner), or a piece of rolled green construction paper, to the back of the flower to make the peduncle. Bend the pipe cleaner so the flower is flat.



8. Punch a small hole in the center of the calyx with your pencil. Slide the calyx up the peduncle (the pipe cleaner) until it is just below the flower petals.



9. Fold a 3"x2" piece of green paper in half lengthwise. Draw some rose leaves. (You will only see half of the leaf stem.) Make as many leaf stems as you want, and then cut them out and glue or staple them to the peduncle.

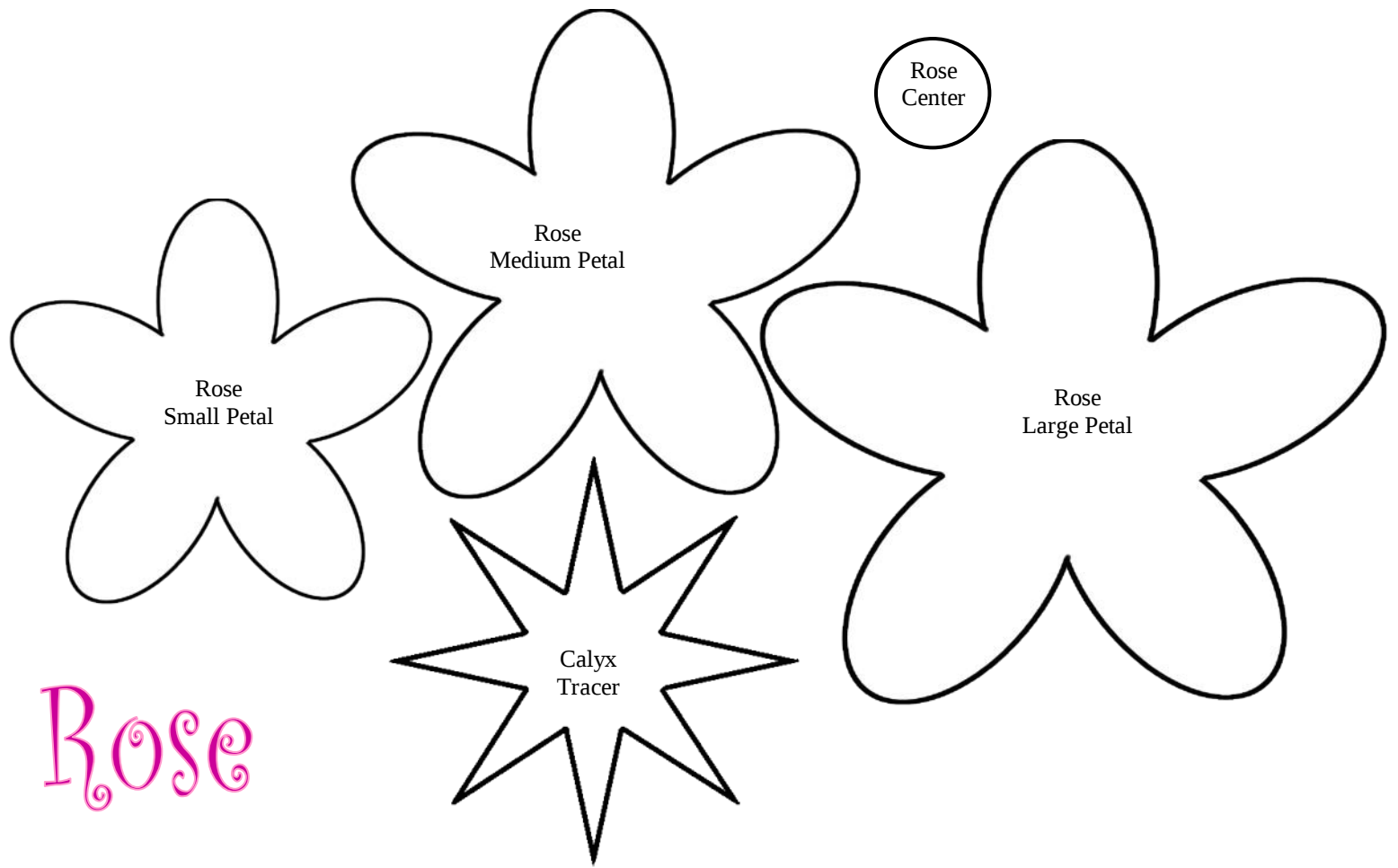


10. Put the rose in your basket when it is completely dry.

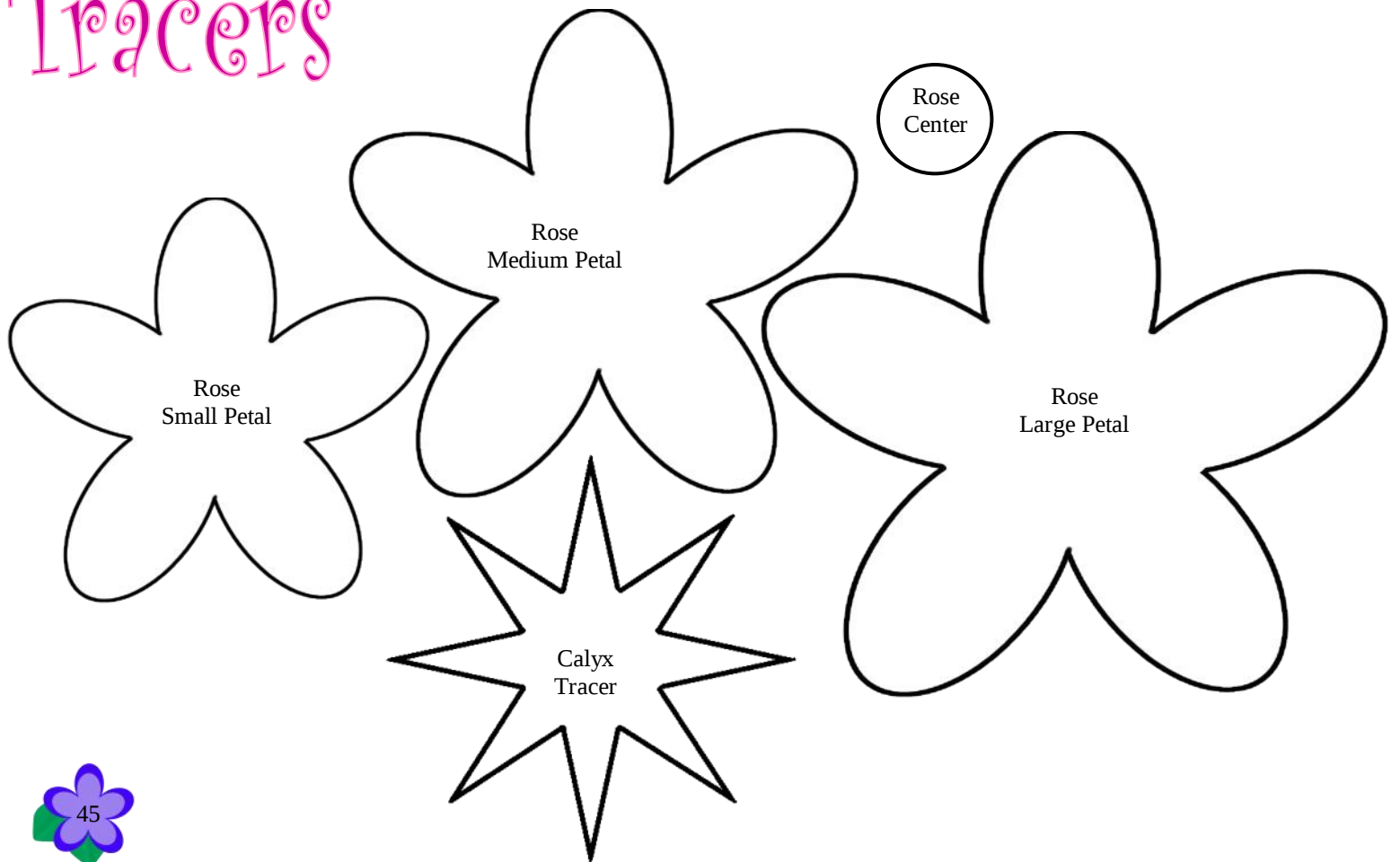


11. Clean up your mess.





Rose Tracers



Chrysanthemum

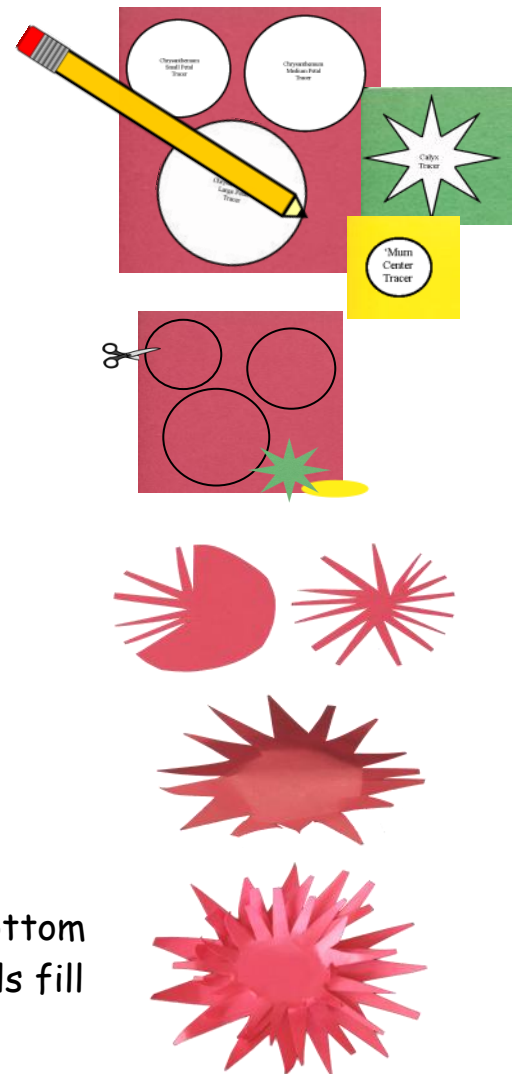
Materials:

- construction paper in various petal colors
- yellow construction paper
- green construction paper
- scissors
- paste or glue
- flower tracers
- chenille stems, or rolled green paper
- tape and/or stapler



Directions:

1. Trace the petals (small, medium, and large) on a piece of construction paper. Then trace the flower center onto yellow or orange paper. Trace the calyx on green paper.
2. Cut out the flower parts you traced.
3. Cut notches around each circle to define the petals.
4. Bend the edges of the petals upwards.
5. Glue the petal sets together with the largest on the bottom and the smallest on the top. Stagger them so the petals fill in the spaces.



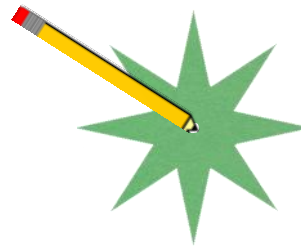
6. Glue the flower center in the middle of the petals and set it aside to dry.



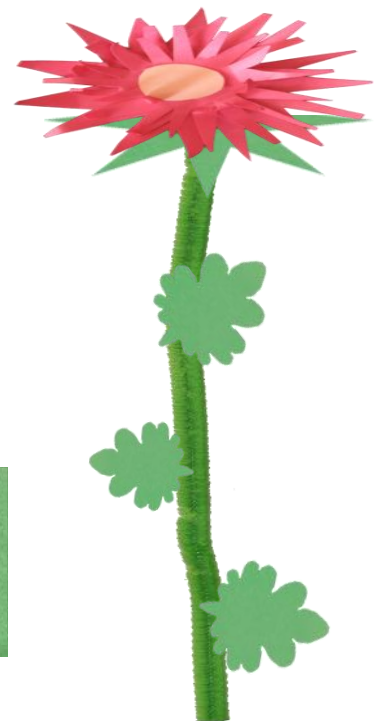
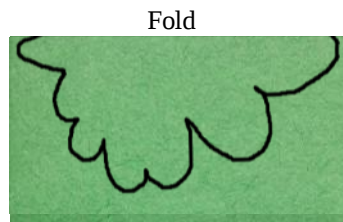
7. When the glue is dry, tape a chenille stem (pipe cleaner), or a piece of rolled green construction paper, to the back of the flower to make the peduncle. Bend the pipe cleaner so the flower is flat.



9. Punch a small hole in the center of the calyx with your pencil. Slide the calyx up the peduncle (the pipe cleaner) until it is just below the flower petals.



9. Fold a 3"X5" piece of green paper in half lengthwise. Draw some 'mum leaves. (You will only see half of the leaf stem.) Make as many leaf stems as you want, and then cut them out and glue or staple them to the peduncle.



10. Put the chrysanthemum in your basket when it is completely dry.



11. Clean up your mess.



Chrysanthemum Tracers

Chrysanthemum
Large Petal
Tracer

'Mum
Center
Tracer

Chrysanthemum
Small Petal
Tracer

Chrysanthemum
Medium Petal
Tracer

Calyx
Tracer

Chrysanthemum
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