



May Day Flowers

Flower Basket Read & Make

Grades 2-3

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 1 flower project are provided in this sample. (Go [here](#) to [download the entire free unit.](#))

Preview the directions with the students, using the directions 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 learned previously.

Preparation

1. Decide if the students will complete the project as a whole class, or in small groups.
2. Run the worksheets you wish to use. (These worksheets can all be reused (except page 3), so I suggest running them on cover stock.):
 - Run page 2, Flower Basket directions, single sided on cover stock, 1/child
 - Run page 3, Flower Basket with Cutting Lines, on spring colored construction paper, 1/child
 - Run pages 4-5, Rose directions, double sided, on cover stock, 1 child
 - Run page 6, Rose Tracers, single sided, on cover stock or tag, 1/2 children
3. Laminate and trim the direction and tracer pages.
4. Cut out all the tracers 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
- ribbon or roving in spring colors, 18 inches/child

For the Flower

- construction paper in flower petal colors—set out a variety
- yellow, and green construction paper cut into 3X6 pieces, or scraps from your scrap box
- green pipe cleaners (optional), 1/student

For all

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



Flower Basket

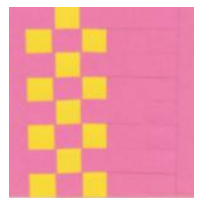
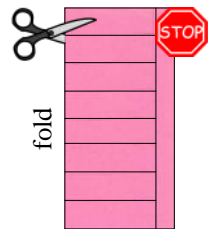


Materials:

- 1 piece of 8x8 construction paper with cutting lines printed on it in a spring color
- 8, 1x8 inch strips of construction paper in a contrasting spring color
- scissors
- paste or glue
- 18 inches of ribbon, string or roving in a spring color

Directions:

1. Cut out the square.
Fold it in half.
Cut on the solid lines. Stop cutting at the dotted lines.
2. 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.
3. When your weaving is dry, wrap two sides together to form a cone and staple them in place.
4. Punch a hole in the top and tie on a piece of ribbon for a hanger.



Rose

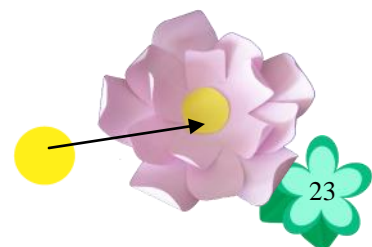
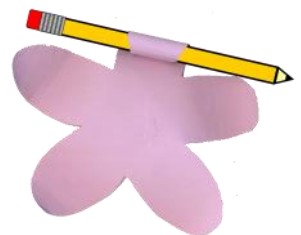
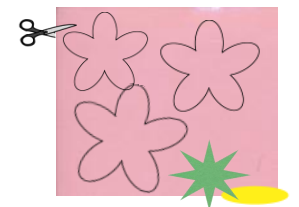
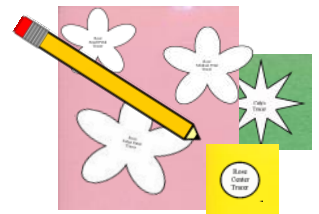


Materials:

- 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:

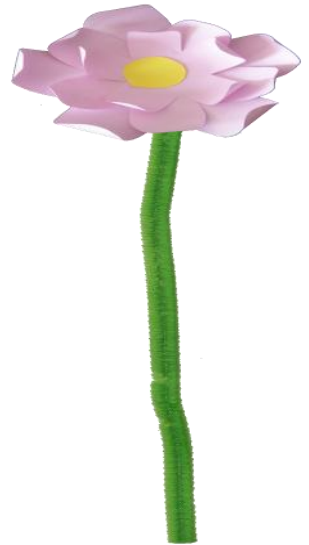
1. Trace the flower parts on colored construction paper. You need three petals, a yellow flower center, and a green calyx.
2. Cut out all the flower parts.
3. Curl the edges of each petal around a pencil. Do this for each set of petals.
4. Glue the petals together with the largest on the bottom and the smallest on the top. Turn them so the petals fill in the spaces. Just use a dot or two of glue in the center of each petal.
5. Glue the flower center in the middle of the flower.



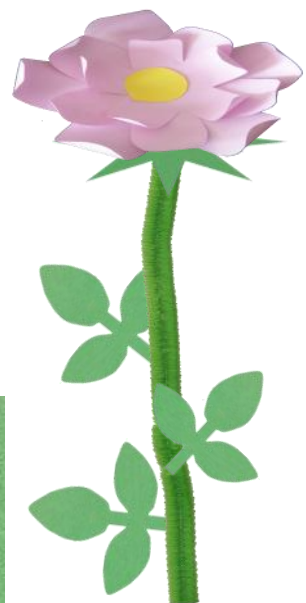
6. Set the rose aside to dry.



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.



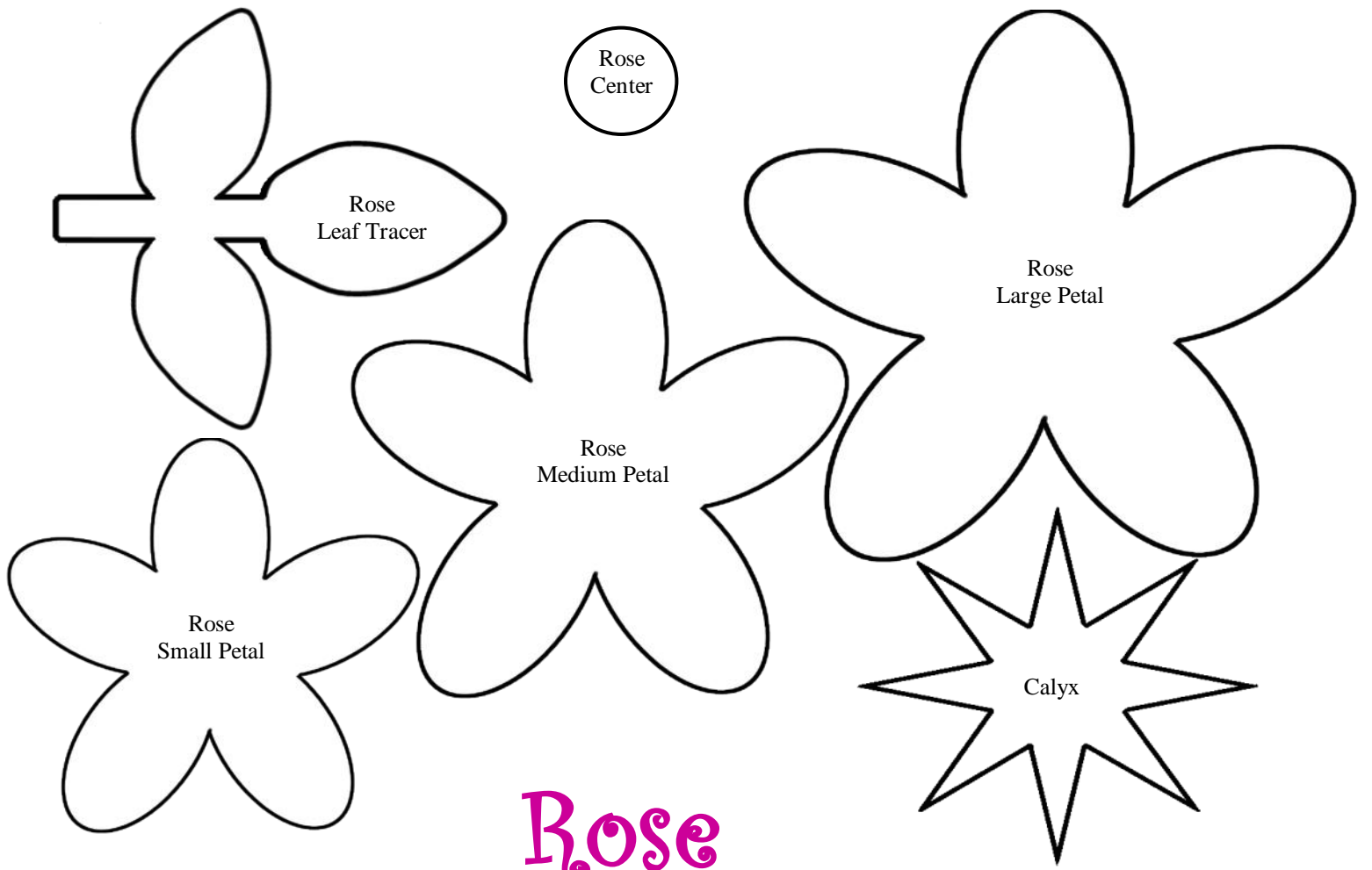
9. Trace 2-3 rose leaves on green construction paper. Cut them out. Glue or staple them on the peduncle.



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



11. Clean up your mess.



Rose Tracers

