



## 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 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, so I suggest running them on cover stock.):
  - Run page 2, Flower Basket directions, single sided on cover stock, 1/child
  - Run pages 3-4, Rose directions, double sided, on cover stock, 1/child
  - Run page 5, 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



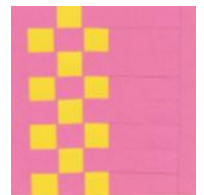
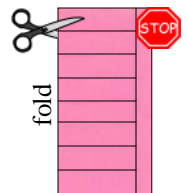
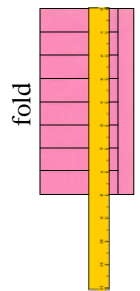
## Materials:

- 1 piece of 8x8 construction paper 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

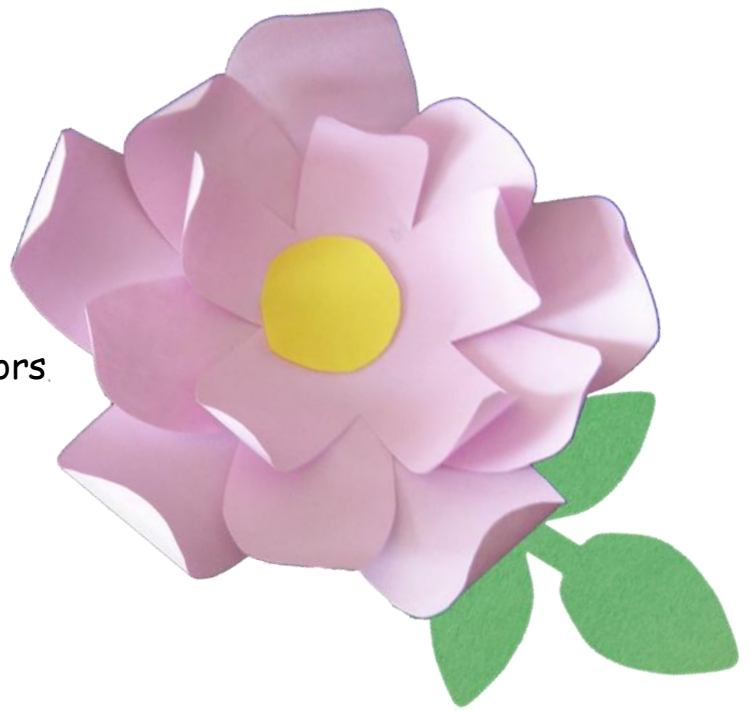
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## Directions:

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.



# Rose



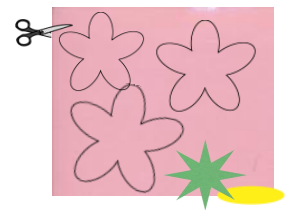
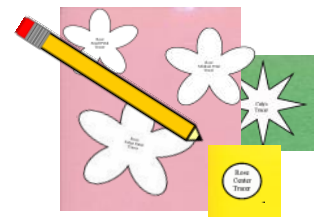
## Materials:

- 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

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## 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.



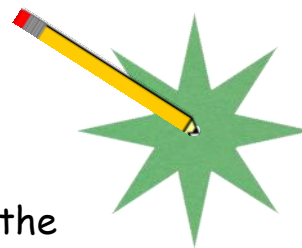
6. Set the rose aside to dry.



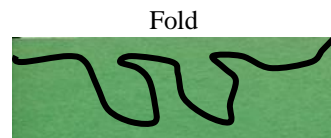
7. When the glue is dry, tape a chenille stem (pipe cleaner), or a piece of rolled green construction paper, to the back of the flower to make the peduncle. Bend the pipe cleaner so the flower is flat.



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.

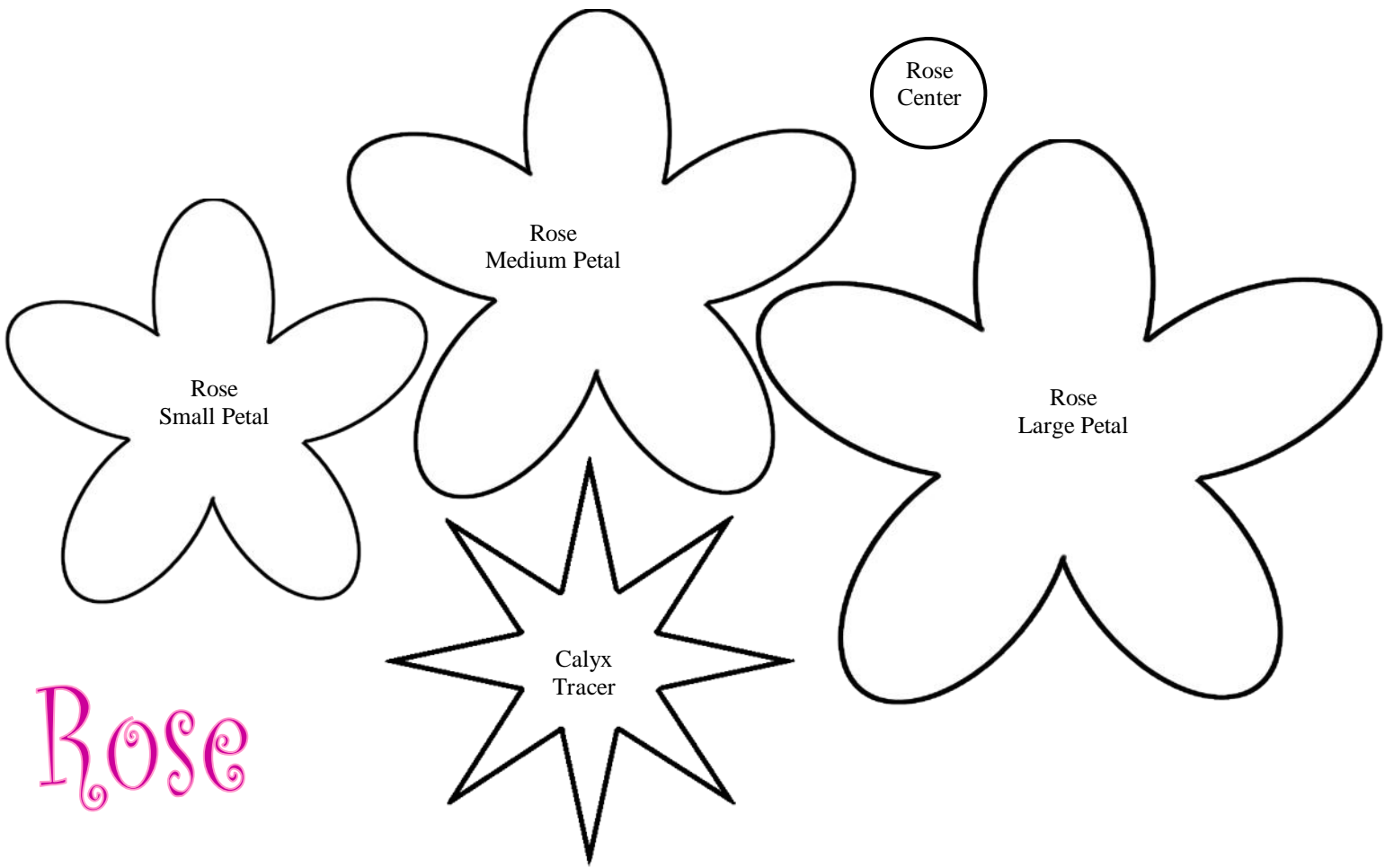


10. Put the rose in your basket when it is completely dry.



11. Clean up your mess.





Rose

Tracers

