

Activity Sheet

Art Printing with Flowers



April is known for beautiful spring weather, the start of warmer weather, and right about the time when the Easter bunny will make an appearance!

You do not have to be a great artist; this activity is a way to bring spring into your home and create something beautiful for yourself friends and family. Have fun and let your imagination take flight.

You will need:

Flowers, grass, weeds- whatever you can find that is in season.

Heavy weight paper- I used 140lb watercolor paper
a sheet of normal printer paper and hammer (optional)

Instructions

1. Gather up and wash some flowers and grasses. Test them out on some scrap paper first to make sure they will work on your nice paper. It is good to experiment I could not get leaves to work with this method, be a devil try whatever you like!
2. Once you have your selection that works you are ready to arrange your flowers and grasses on your nice heavy weight paper.
3. Place a normal sheet of printer paper on top of your arrangement- you can fold your printer paper in half if you like.



Without moving your flower arrangement, press the printer paper on top of it carefully, making sure to squish the juices and natural dyes out of the plants. This is where you might need a hammer. The grape hyacinths pressed easily with my fingers, but I used the hammer to pound the grasses to make marks on the paper.



Lift the printer paper off and see the prints you made with the dyes of the flowers. Remove the smashed plants and repeat the previous steps to add more to your artwork, if desired. Some plant remnants may still stick to your paper, so let it dry and then scrape off the extra bits. You can frame your artwork or make custom cards out of them!



Try Something Different: If are the budding artist or feel you want to mix things up you can always add to the artwork with additional hand painting even other mediums to give a 3D effect. I am partial to a little bit of sparkle.

We do hope you have fun with this. Please share your works for art with us and enjoy. Take care and stay safe from all of us at CARM x xx



The Full Pink Moon

April's full Pink Moon will rise on the night of Monday, April 26, reaching peak illumination at 11:33 P.M. ET. This full Moon is one of two supermoons this year.

Do send us your photographs so we can share your creations with all our CARM friends! Our email is: rem@carmromneymarsh.org.uk