

Activity Guide

Botanical Art Worldwide

America's Flora

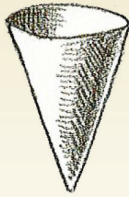
Basic Botanical Building Blocks

These basic shapes can be used to draw flowers.

Tube



Cone



Cup



Sphere



Draw each shape.

Tube

Cone

Cup

Sphere



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Use the basic shapes to create a daisy.



1

Draw a line for the stem.

2

Draw a cone and top it with the upside-down cup.



3

Lightly draw a circle or ellipse to show where the petals will be drawn. (You can erase this outline after the petals are drawn.)



4

Draw the petals. To add perspective to the daisy, draw the closest petals larger than those in the back.

5

Color the daisy.

Flora, Fauna, Font

Illustrating the Alphabet

Hundreds of years before computers, word processing software, and endless digital fonts, artists created visually interesting text by hand decorating alphabet letters, adding borders, and small illustrations. These documents are called “illuminated manuscripts.” Artists often made them even more beautiful by using gold and silver leaf.

Be inspired by Kandis Vermeer Phillips’ illuminated alphabet. Write the initial of your first or last name below and then list flowers, birds, insects, or animals that begin with the same letter. Draw your initial and decorate it based on your list.

My Initial



W, the Wren in perpetual motion

My Illumination

My List

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