

## Flowers

### Dried flower painting (4 +)



Flowers in a vase usually only stay good for a week or two. And they also become exhausted outside. Don't you want to keep beautiful flowers? Then lay them out to dry. If you put them in a picture frame, you can look at them for years to come. Also nice to give as a present!

#### Learning goals

- You learn that there are different flowers in nature
- You learn how to dry flowers

#### Location:

- Outside: picking flowers and leaves
- Inside: making a painting

#### Needed:

- Flowers (from outside)
- Old newspaper
- Something heavy with a flat side, for example a large thick book
- A4 paper
- Coloured pencils
- Glue or adhesive tape
- Possible: photo frame



## Flower drying

- Go outside and look for beautiful flowers and leaves. Pick some flowers, with the stem. Don't bring too many flowers, because they are actually for bees and other insects!
- Large or exhausted flowers are less suitable for drying.
- Open the newspaper and put flowers on the left page. Make sure that the flowers do not touch each other and that the flower lies nicely flat.
- Turn the page and put some flowers on the left page.
- Continue until all your flowers are between the pages.



- Now put something heavy on the newspaper so that everything is flattened properly, for example a big, thick book.
- Now put the newspaper with the book on a dry warm place, for example on top of the cupboard. Preferably with more books on top.

Now it's waiting! Let the flowers dry for at least 1 week, but preferably 2 weeks.

## Making a flower painting

- When the flowers are nice and flat and dry, you can take them out of the newspaper. Do this very carefully, because the flowers are now very fragile!
- Stick the flowers on your paper. Make a nice 'painting' of them.
- You can make it even more beautiful with colour pencils and a photo frame.

Who do you want to make happy with your flower painting?

### For those who want more

Huisje Boompje Beestje - [What is a flower anyway?](#) (dutch video)

[Making your own flower press](#) (dutch video)

