Task Cards

Set 6 - Flowers
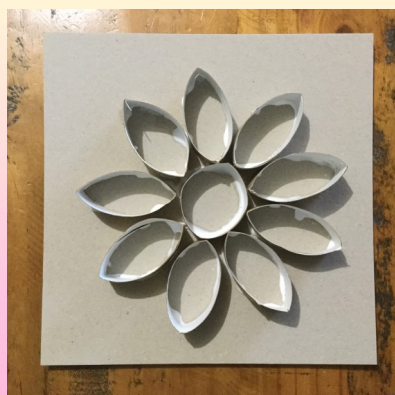
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Task Card #1— Flower Craft

Materials and Tools:

Toilet rolls

Glue

Cardboard

Petals, seeds, coloured rice or any other small item to fill the petals.

Method:

Cut the toilet roll into slices. Pinch the ends of the slices to make the petals. Keep one slice as a circle. Glue the slices of toilet roll onto a cardboard base.

Fill the petals and centre with your choice of materials to create the colours of your flower. (We used wattle flowers for the petals and seeds for the centre).

You can fill the petals with a clear glue first if you want to hang the craft.

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Task Card #2— Pressed Flowers

Materials and Tools:

Assortment of flowers

Baking paper and paper towel

Heavy books

Method:

On your walk, gather a basket of flowers.

Trim the stem close to the flower.

Make a sandwich: first paper towel, then baking paper, then the flower (face down), then baking paper and lastly paper towel.

Place this sandwich between two heavy books and leave for a couple of weeks. Now you have lovely pressed flowers for craft.

Task Card #3— Dissect a Flower

Materials and Tools:

A large flower   A cutting board

A sharp knife   Clear contact and cardboard

A book with a diagram showing labelled flower parts.

Method:

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Carefully place your flower on a cutting board and cut open.

See if you can identify all the different parts of the flower.

Separate them, place each part on a piece of cardboard. Label and then cover with a piece of clear contact.

Task Card #4— Flower Print

Materials and Tools:

 A piece of natural fabric—either cotton, silk or linen

A hammer

A board to hammer on

Flowers - try to find ones with different colours

Method:

Place your flowers on half of the fabric. Fold the other half over the top of the flowers.

Bash the material and flowers with the hammer. Don't be gentle, give them a good wack.

Open and remove the mushed flower remains. Let it dry over-night. Iron. What will you make with your fabric?

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Task Card #5— Grow a Fairy Garden

Materials and Tools:

Large pot   Potting/seed raising mix

Flower seeds   Little fairies

Small stones/gems

Method:

Fill your pot with potting mix. Sprinkle the seeds on top. Cover with a little more soil.

Place in a sunny spot and water regularly .

When the plants pop up add some fairies, little stones or gems or even a fairy home.

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Task Card #6— Grow a Pollinator Garden

Materials and Tools:

Seeds

Garden space

Method:

Research the kinds of pollinators you want to attract to your garden and the kinds of flowers they like.

Sow the seeds of the plants your chosen pollinator likes.

Watch your garden and write about it in your nature journal.

Did any pollinators visit your flowers?

Some seed companies sell special mixes just for attracting insects to your garden. You might like to try those premixed seeds.

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Task Card #7—The Biggest Flower

Materials and Tools:

The internet   Large piece of paper

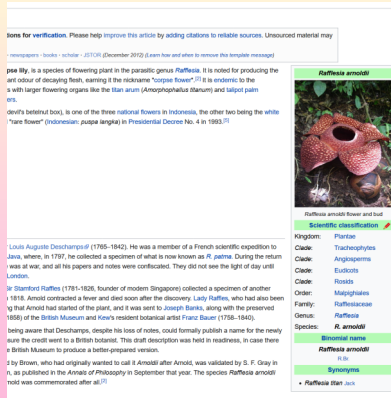Tape measure   Paint

Method:

With an adult's permission research the biggest flower ever recorded.

Write the details of the flower in your nature journal.

On a old sheet and with a tape measure, make a life size drawing of the flower. You can paint it if you want to.

NOTE: you can buy washable markers if you don't want to ruin the sheet.

We used beetroot juice and black paint pens.

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Task Card #8— Make a Painting

Materials and Tools:

Instructions for making your own painting based on the art work of Yuval Zommer's *Big Book of Blooms.*

Paper

Paint and paint brush

Pens

Method:

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Then get out your paints, paper and pens to create your own beautiful piece of art.