



Flower Garlands

Take a break and explore the natural world by crafting your own flower garland!

Inspired by the still lifes and natural scenes from the Davis's permanent collections, this activity explains how to make your own flower crown. Check out some inspirational works before beginning your own creation.

When you're finished, you can use this flower crown for photo shoots with your friends, Instagram shots, or as a wall decoration for your room.

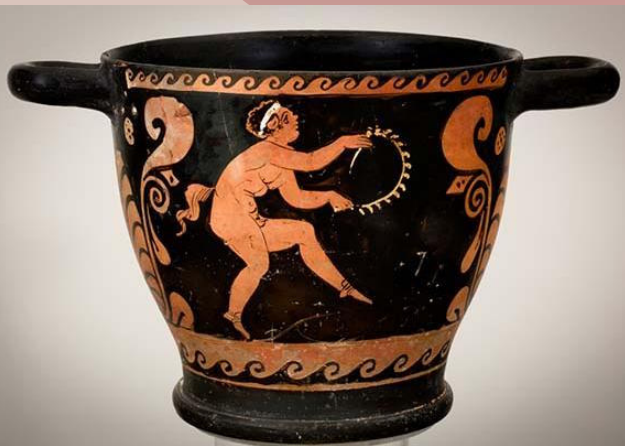


Not sure what to add
to your garland?

Get inspired with
the Davis Collections!

Branches and grasses found in this clearing would be ideal additions to your flower crown. Looking closer at the image, what do you think it would be like to be in this scene? Can you hear the rustling of cloth through the grass and the birds chirping?

Known for her paintings of New England, Agnes Abbot taught and exhibited at Wellesley College for over four decades. Born and raised in Germany, Abbot moved to the Boston area to continue her training and to later teach studio art as part of the Wellesley Art Department.

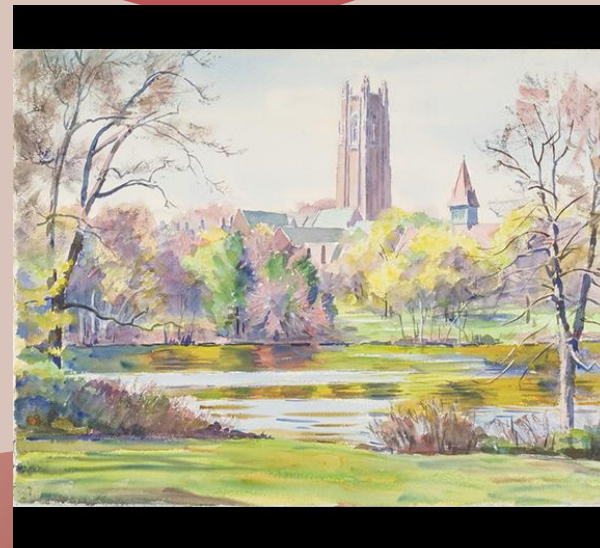


Unknown, Red-Figure Skyphos with Satyr / Bacchante, late 3rd century B.C.E.,
Terracotta, Gift of Samuel G. Houghton
1957.32.b

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Classic Dances (recto) Oratory of San Bernadino (verso), Printed facsimile,
Anonymous 2004.0.89.



Agnes Abbot, *Untitled (Wellesley College in the Spring)*, 1950-80, Watercolor with graphite,
Gift of Whitney C. Hagins 1992.15.

In ancient Greece and Rome, garlands were often associated with the god of wine and revelry, Dionysus (known as Bacchus to Romans) and his followers Maenads and Satyrs. Here we see a satyr, a half human-half goat, dancing and holding a garland. It looks like he is dancing with garlands. What do you notice? Imagine yourself there. Can you hear the music?

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Materials:

- Scissors
- Flowers (fake or real) with 2-3 inches of stem
- Green, thin floral wire or any thin, malleable wire
- Floral tape, regular tape, or a hot glue gun
- Optional: add filler (greenery or branches with berries) or other decorations (ribbons, pearls, feathers, etc.)

Instructions:

1. Measure a length of wire to match your head's circumference. Leave an inch of wire on each end and cut the wire. Bend the ends inward and hook them together to create the crown's clasp.
2. Add additional wire to this circle to reinforce the base of your flower crown.
3. Using tape or glue, begin affixing the flowers and additional natural materials to your crown. You can also add flowers and greenery by wrapping the stems tightly around the wire.
4. Evenly space the elements of your flower crown and fill in any gaps with additional material as you wish.

