

Straw Flowers

Materials- straws (or chop sticks, pencils) Paper, tape, markers (or crayons, pencils)

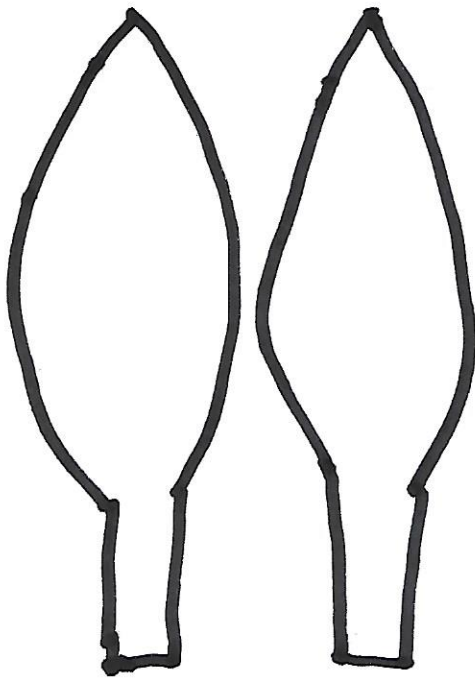
Method-

- 1.) Color each of the flower parts on the next page.
- 2.) Carefully cut out the **pistil**. This is the female part of the flower and is found in the center. Tape the pistil to the top of your stem (straw).
- 3.) Surrounding the pistil are **stamens**, or the male parts of the flower. Carefully cut out the stamens and tape one on either side of the style (stalk part of pistil above ovary).
- 4.) **Petals** serve many purposes for a flower; they may act as landing pads for insects or show where to find the nectar in a flower. Cut out your petals and tape them around the outside of your flower. You can also be creative and make your own petal shapes.
- 5.) Most flowers have a specialized part that protects it when it is a bud. This part is called the **sepal**. Cut out your sepal and punch a hole in the middle and put it on the stem right below the petals.
- 6.) Every plant needs green **leaves** to produce food for the plant, cut out your leaves and attach them along the stem.

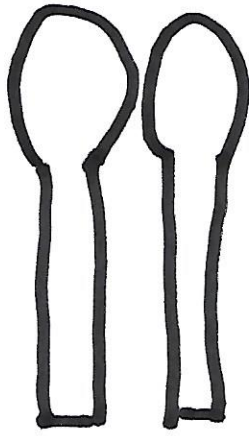


Spend time talking about each flower part with older children. Maybe look online to learn more about each part.

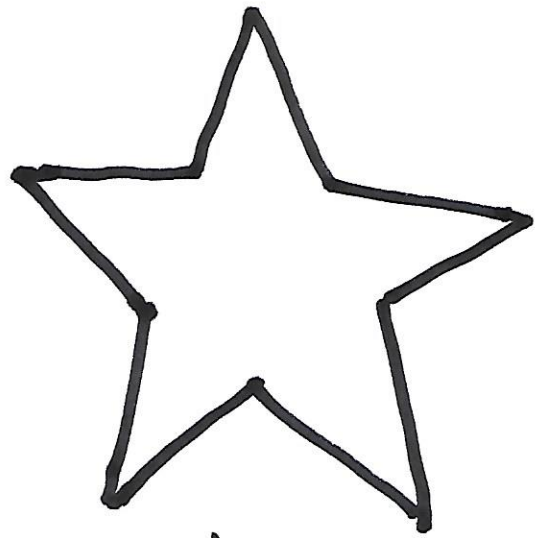
Extension- talk about the insects that might land on the flowers. Draw the insects and tape them to the flowers. For older children discuss/look up pollination.



2 Leaves



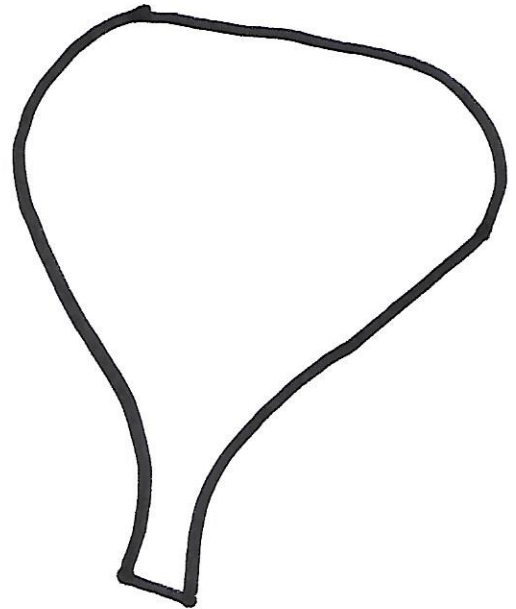
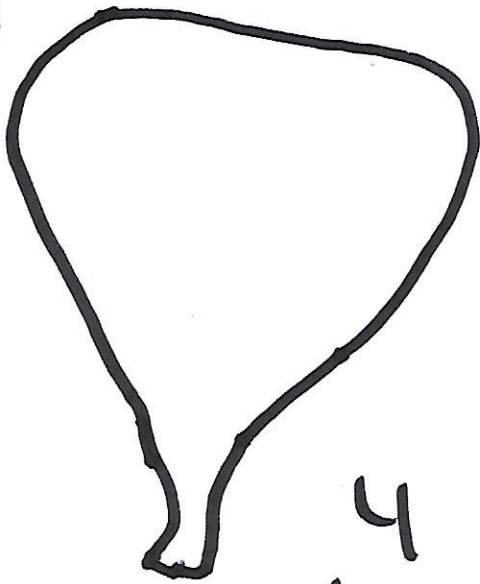
2 Stamens



1 Sepal



1 pistil



4 Leaves

