

Boredom Busters

grow a garden of Friendship Flowers

The past few months have been tricky for a lot of us, especially when we haven't been able to see our friends and family at school, work, birthdays or other social catchups. Whether you've been able to spend time with those who are special to you face to face, we love this idea of growing a garden of friendship flowers! You could create a garden of friendship flowers to keep at home to remind you of the people who are important to you or make one as a gift for the person/people you're thinking of.

How to make a Friendship Flower

1. By using coloured or plain paper trace out the shapes you need to make a flower ([here is a simple template we've made for you!](#))
 - a. One circle for the centre of the flower,
 - b. 5 (or more) tear drop shapes for the petals,
 - c. plus 1-2 leaf shapes and a long, skinny rectangle for a stem.

Note: if you have paddle pop sticks handy you could use one as the flower stem so you can stick the paddle into some bluetack or playdough or even into a little pot of soil so it stands. We've used some old pencils to help our garden stand strong and tall!



2. Think about someone who is special to you and write their name in the centre of the flower, now think of at least one thing per petal you've cut out that you appreciate about this person and your friendship with them.
3. Glue or tape your flower together, if you've used plain paper decorate it with pencils or textas to make it as lovely and colourful as your friendship.
4. Take a photo of your flower and send it to your friend to let them know you've been thinking of them. (Send it to us as well via LivingArtsSA@lwb.org.au)
5. Repeat the process as many times as you like to fill your garden with flowers that represent the special people in your world.
6. Find somewhere at home to display these as a proud garden of friendship flowers - or arrange to gift the flower to your friend directly!

If flowers aren't your favourite, there are lots of other great shapes you could create and decorate to represent your friends. Or maybe you'd like to make a paper people chain that represents all of your special friends. Check out [this tutorial Phi made](#) for tips on how to make different kinds of paper people chains!