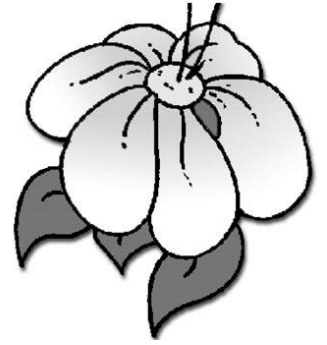


# Make me a flower!

Reusing small plastic containers and lids has never been this fun and inspiring! This activity can easily be adapted to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> elementary school cycles and requires 180 to 280 minutes to complete, depending on the design complexity and the number of steps you decide to include.



## Material:

- Small plastic lids and containers of all shapes and sizes, washed and dried (have students recover/collect them in advance)
- A pencil
- Acrylic paint, pots and paintbrushes
- A stiff piece of recovered cardboard – approximately 50 × 60 cm – cut in advance from a cardboard box
- White glue

## Process:

1. Ask students what they like in summer... The flowers! Distribute cardboard, lids and containers and have students place these items in a way that will evoke spring, meaning in the shape of... a flower! (30 minutes)
2. Let students design their layout.
3. Distribute pencils and ask students to trace their outline on the cardboard. If you wish to simplify the activity, don't stack containers and lids. (60 minutes)



4. Give lids and containers a base coat using white acrylic paint, and then let dry a few minutes. You may give the cardboard a base coat as well, if you want to.



5. Paint containers and lids.



6. Paint the cardboard base without painting over the pencil outline. (100 to 140 minutes, depending on the number of items painted for steps 5 and 6)



7. Using white glue, stick containers and lids on the cardboard, following the traced outline. (20 to 40 minutes)



8. Add details, if desired. (40 minutes)

