

ATTRACTING ATTENTION

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WHY ARE PLANTS SO
COLORFUL? HOW DOES IT HELP
THEM SURVIVE?

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- ☐ Light colored bandana or cloth
- ☐ Leaves, flowers, and berries
- ☐ Plastic trash bag
- ☐ Cardboard to protect work surface
- ☐ Rolling pin

RECOMMENDED:

WHAT TO DO:

1. Gather some colorful leaves, flowers and berries.
2. Put cardboard on the ground or floor. Lay the bandana flat on top.
3. Cover half of the bandana with leaves and flowers. Fold the other half over the plants.
4. Lay a plastic bag on top of the bandana.
5. Crush the flowers and leaves using a rolling pin or by stomping on it (wear shoes!). Try different methods to find what works best to transfer the colors from the plants onto the bandana.
6. Unfold the bandana to see the shapes and colors you created.



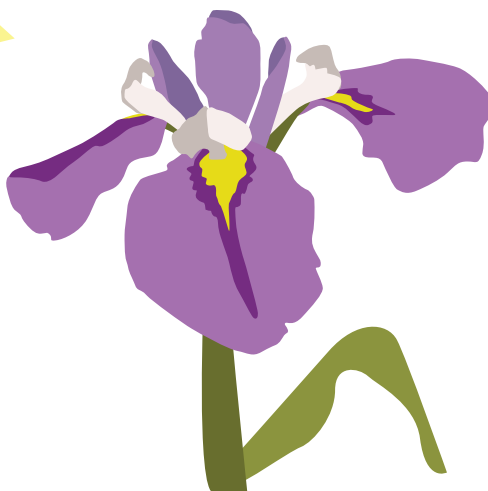
PIGMENT POWER!

Pigments are the substances that make color. Plant pigments are beneficial for plants and animals, including humans!



CREATING ART!

People use plant pigments for colorful dyes.



Note: Colors will fade and run if washed. When needed, hand wash separately and hang to dry.

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Colorful flowers attract birds, bees, and other animals who eat pollen and nectar. These animals—called pollinators—help plants reproduce by spreading pollen to other flowers.