

Make a funky flower picture

Cut out shapes to create your own colourful artwork.

Hello, my name's Olaf Falafel. I'm an author, an illustrator and a comedian. Every month I show you how to create art inspired by the works of famous artists or illustrators. I also like to tell you a joke – like this one: What's a frog's favourite flower? A croak-us!

Throughout history, artists have created bright, graphic, flowery images. Henri Matisse made cut-out plant designs, and Andy Warhol is famous for pop art (a modern style that originated in the 1950s and used images from popular culture). He used photographs of flowers and turned

them into colourful artworks made by creating prints.

The Finnish artist Maija Isola has spent her career making bright floral textile patterns. She became famous for designing colourful patterns for a company called Marimekko – especially her flower design called Unikko (Finnish for "poppy"). Isola's artworks have been used to decorate everything from sofas and lamps to aeroplanes and hot-air balloons.

As London's famous Chelsea Flower Show starts this month, I thought I would make my own bright flowery picture. Here's how I did it.



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Some of artist Henri Matisse's cut-out designs were so big they covered his studio's walls.

What you need

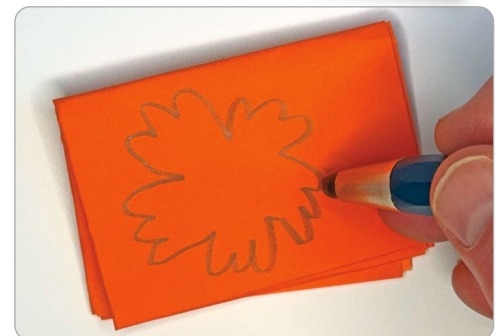
- Sheets of coloured paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Paints and a brush



1 Start by gathering together all the equipment you'll need.



2 Fold your coloured sheets of paper carefully three times.



3 Draw flower and leaf shapes on your pieces of coloured folded paper.



4 Cut out a shape from a folded piece of paper, then do the same with the others.



5 Glue the flower and leaf shapes onto a contrasting coloured sheet of paper.



6 Use paint to add details to the centre of your flowers.

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