In this project, youth learn about flowers by partnering with adults to plan and create flower arrangements and floral crafts. Youth will demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for a career in the floriculture industry, including identifying, handling and arranging cut flowers.

- Understand the shapes, elements and principles of floral design.
- Identify common flowers and determine their purpose in an arrangement.
- Discover art concepts such as color, shape, proportion, composition and content.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Expand Your Experiences!

Healthy Living

- Research how different colors can affect mood. Create an arrangement that might change a negative mood to a positive one.
- Create a salad and include fresh, edible flowers, such as borage or pansies.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

- Learn about the reproductive parts of a plant by dissecting a flower.
- Experiment with various substances (e.g., lemon juice, bleach, floral food, baking soda, sugar, etc.) to determine the best way to preserve cut flowers.

Citizenship

- Deliver flowers to injured veterans in military hospitals.
- Research how flowers are used medicinally in different cultures.
- Work with a local senior center to provide corsages and boutonnieres for their

Leadership

- Organize a flower sale to raise money for a special cause or for your 4-H club.
- Volunteer to decorate your family’s home for a holiday. Include dried or fresh flowers.

Connections & Events

Presentation Days – Share what you’ve learned with others through a presentation.
Field Days – At these events, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests related to their project area.

Contact your county 4-H office to determine additional opportunities available, such as a field day.

Curriculum

- Flowers
  - web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/
  - 4-H Floriculture (levels A-D)
    - learningstore.uwex.edu/Floriculture-Level-A-P1432.aspx
- Garden-based Learning Activities
  - blogs.cornell.edu/garden/get-activities/activities
- How Does Your Garden Grow?

4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their experiences, learning and development.

4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.

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