Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore an artwork from the DAI collection, enjoy a virtual read-aloud story and follow along with the included project instructions!

**Stamped Flowers!**

**Project Description:** young artists talk about the seasonal stages of growing a plant and design our own flower stamps.

**Story:** “Mama, Is it Summer Yet” by Nikki McClure

**Let’s Talk about this Artwork!**

- What shapes can you find?
- How might you use this object?
- Notice how the vase has different sections: some are red, some appear whiter and others, more red.
- The artist used limited colors: red, blue and white, with some green details.
- How is the vase’s decoration similar to the art on our book’s cover? How is it different?
**Supplies Needed**
1) Tempera paint*
2) Any size thick paper (such as cardstock)
3) 8” x 10” construction paper or scraps
4) Toilet paper roll (1)
5) Approximately 8” x 4” strip of cardboard
6) Rubber band, hair tie or tape
7) Glue stick
8) Scissors
9) Crayons

*No paint? Use stamp on playdoh or baking dough.
You could even cut a sandwich and stamp with condiments!

**Project Instructions**
1) Roll the long side of the cardboard, (think hamburger fold,) into a cylinder. Use a rubber band, hair tie or tape to help it keep shape and tight. (2 mins.)

   **Helpful hint:** the tighter you roll your cardboard, the more intricate your rose!

2) Dip one end of your rolled cardboard into paint and then use that same painted end to stamp and decorate your thick paper with these ‘roses.’ Try to cover as much of the paper as possible. (2-5 mins.)

   **Helpful hint:** Too much paint will make muddy roses. Try stamping off excess paint on a scrap paper before stamping your thick paper

**Project Skills**
1) Fine / Gross Motor:
   a) coloring
   b) painting
   c) drawing
   d) cutting
   e) gluing
   f) tool-making
2) Language development
   a) expressive: speaking
   b) receptive: listening
   c) discussing
3) 21st-Century:
   a) critical thinking
   b) creativity
   c) problem-solving
   d) collaborating
3) Pinch only one side of a toilet paper roll. It will create a leaf shape. Use tape if needed to secure the shape. Dip this end into green paint and line the area underneath the roses. (2-5 mins.)

4) While your paint dries, let’s make a vase to hold your painted flowers! (5-7 mins.)
   a) Fold a piece construction paper in half (hotdog fold!) and draw an outline for your vase.
   b) Start your outline at the top of the paper, (short side.) Try not to touch either long side with as you draw your outline. Make sure the outline reaches the bottom, (opposite short side.)
   c) Cut out with scissors, following the outline, or carefully tear the vase.
   d) Decorate your vase with crayons. Go slowly and hold your crayon firmly.

   **Helpful hint:** leave a little extra paper at the top to have a place to glue your flowers.

5) When your paint is dry, cut your flowers and leaves out. Cut slowly and carefully around the edges of your bouquet. Glue the base of your bouquet to the mouth of your vase. Use a crayon to color in your leaves. (2-5 mins.)

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