Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found here!

**Project Description:** Young artists talk about how a seed grows into a plant and create a colorful composition of painted and cut flowers.

**Story:** “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle

*Watch a virtual read aloud here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls6wTeT2cKA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls6wTeT2cKA)*

**Let’s Talk about this Artwork!**

- What do you see?
- Where can we find flowers?
- What colors make up these flowers?
- Describe the shapes we’re seeing.
- How might these flowers be moving?
  - Is the movement slow or quick?
- If you could put this vase in your home, where would you put it?
  - What would you use it for?
- Do you have useful objects in your house that you find beautiful? What are they?

Supplies
1. Tempera or Acrylic Paint*
2. Paintbrushes
3. Water and cup for water
4. 2 pieces of white multimedia or watercolor paper (any heavyweight paper will work!)
5. 9x11 construction paper in various colors
6. Construction paper scraps
7. Scissors
8. Glue sticks

*if you don’t have paint, use crayons!

Project Skills
1. Painting
2. Cutting
3. Tearing
4. Gluing
5. Collaging

Project Instructions
1. Fold your (watercolor or other heavyweight) white paper in half.
2. Paint one half or paint each half different colors. (2-5 mins.)
3. Fold your paper closed again to mix the colors. Rub the paper so your paint blends. Unfold to dry. (2-5 mins.)
4. Apply green paint your second piece of heavyweight white paper to make the stems and leaves. (2-5 mins.)

5. Watch “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle [virtual read aloud here](#) while your paint dries.

6. Cut or tear flower petals from your unfolded, first painted paper. (2-5 mins.)
7. Cut or tear stems and leaves from your green-painted paper. (2-5 mins.)
8. Cut or tear the centers of your flowers from construction paper scraps. (2-5 mins.)

9. Assemble your artwork by gluing into place the stem, leaves, petals, and flowers’ centers onto a piece of construction paper. (2-5 mins.)

Optional: Embellish center of flower with crayons!