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!

In this lesson, young artists explore basic shapes to build a flower composition and get inspired to plan a garden.

**Story:** “Lola Plants A Garden” by Anna McQuinn  
( watch a virtual read aloud here: https://tinyurl.com/ttny9jg)

**Project:** Paper Shapes Garden

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**Let’s Talk about this Artwork!**

- What do you see?
- What colors can we find?
- How many different kinds of plants and flowers do you see?
- Does this painting feel like summer, spring, fall or winter?
- Would you plant any of these flowers in your garden? Which ones would you plant?
- A painting of nature is called a **landscape.** If you could make a landscape, what would be in it?

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**Recommended Supplies**
1. Paper: construction paper, scrapbooking paper, etc.
2. Glue sticks
3. Safety scissors *(regular or patterned!)*

**Project Skills**
1. Basic Shapes
2. Cutting
3. Gluing
4. Fine Motor Skills

**Project Instructions**
1. Cut or tear construction paper scraps into basic shapes:
   - triangles
   - rectangles
   - diamonds
   - circles
   - ovals
   - squares
   - long strips

2. Make 6-8 of each shape in whatever colors you choose. If you would like them all to have the same color leaves and stems, try cutting at least two of all the shapes out of the same paper. *(5-7min)*
3. Arrange shapes to create a design full of flowers. (2-5min)
   o Use at least one shape for the petals, a different shape for the flower’s center,
     and another choice for the stem and leaves.

![Image of flowers made from shapes](image)

4. Select your background. Use glue sticks to attach the flower pieces onto the
   background paper. See how many different flower combinations you can come up with
   to make a beautiful garden! (5-7min)

Enjoy your new garden!