

Flower Art

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Due Tuesday by 4pm **Points** 15 **Submitting** a file upload **File Types** png, gif, and jpg
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Your assignment is to create a small piece of art as part of a project in which the entire class is participating. As a group we will be making the components of a larger work of art that uses many rectangular panels, each created by an individual student (you). The prominent element of your work of art is the image of a flower. But not just any flower, it needs to be a flower with a particular name that starts with a particular letter of the alphabet. The assignment is to create one such panel using the exact specifications below.


You will be using two media: You should first create the image on paper and then also produce an electronic copy of it.

The final submission involves getting both the paper-versions and the electronic version submitted. The paper version must be **submitted in an envelope** and must be submitted at the indicated submission deadline. The electronic version must be submitted here in the Assignment tool, with the same deadline.

The file format of what you submit must be either png, jpg, or gif and the file must have a name that includes a file extension that correctly reflects the file format. Failure to do this could render your submission worthless (ie. no points in the gradebook for the electronic component).

Your letter: please use the letter that is the first letter of your family name. If that is problematic for you for any reason (no need to justify), then you may select from one of the following letters: e, i, j, o, q, u, v, x.

Flower name: Find a flower whose common name or scientific names starts with that letter in the English language. This is the flower which you should use as the subject for your artwork.

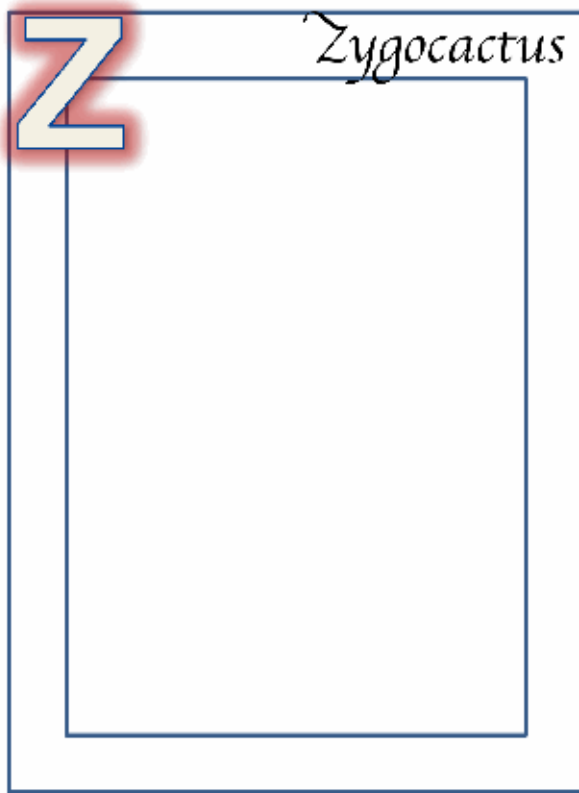
Preparation - creating the template: Download [FlowerPosterTemplate.ppt](#)  to your computer, open it with Powerpoint, and print a blank using a printer and do not allow the image to be fit to the paper. The rectangles will be much smaller than the paper, and that is by design. Note that this sheet shows two rectangles representing the border of your work area.

DO NOT DRAW ON THIS SHEET!!! Instead lay a regular clean piece of paper over this sheet and work on the paper that does not have the lines.

Your work needs to stay completely within the outer lines. You should be able to barely see the lines through the paper. Use paperclips to hold the papers together.

Doing the flower art:

- As you work on this, please have your paper oriented so that it is in "Portrait" layout (i.e. NOT "Landscape") - this is important - we won't be able to use your work if it is wider than tall. Note two rectangles: one that is 3.5 inches wide by 4.75 inches tall representing the outside area of the border of your work. The inside rectangle is 2.8 inches wide and 4 inches tall. These rectangles are not needed on the final art. (It is OK to have them on the final art if you consider it a needed element).
- Step 1: on the paper that will be your artwork, find the outside corners of the outer rectangle and use a pencil to put a period into the exact corners to match the outside rectangle. These four marks are the only required marks that match the template.
- Step 2: Place your letter of the alphabet in the top left corner so that the letter touches the outside rectangle but does not go over the line. The letter should be large enough so that its center sits on the corner of the inner rectangle (see image below). Place the name of the flower in the top margin area between the two rectangles. You may use any font or style. This shows the desired layout in relation to the lines on the template.



- Step 3: Before starting to create your artwork, please decide on a particular artistic style. Note that there are numerous styles and it is entirely up to you what you chose. Please think about it. You have probably seen some artistic styles that you thought might be cool (or not). You are free to adopt whatever style you want to mimic. This might be something like "impressionism" (e.g. Monet, Manet, etc) or "cubism" (e.g. Picasso), etc.; it might be of a particular era "baroque", "modern",... Note especially that it does not need to be Botanical Art in the manner described during lecture.
- Your work should show evidence of invested effort, skills and interest. Simply submitting a slightly modified photo from the web would not be acceptable. But you could start with a photo (or several photos) to create an image that is attractive.
- The flower that you selected should be predominantly evident in the image and should be botanically correct.
- Now: sign your work, preferably in the bottom right corner between the two imaginary rectangles. Note that this means that the art has to be original to you. If you sign someone else's work, then that would be plagiarism and could have serious negative consequences. Please be sure that your work abides by copyright laws.
- Last step: This assignment has the special added complexity that you need to scan it to a usable electronic format and submit that file here in the assignment tool. There are plenty of resources on campus that will facilitate this if you do not have a scanner yourself. Note especially this shows that you can make color scans: www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/services/copyprint.php (<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/services/copyprint.php>). If the scanner allows you to scan only a particular rectangular area, then do that to get only the area within the outer rectangles (i.e. 3.5 inches wide and 4.75 inches tall); if that does not work, then scan a larger image and use image editing software to crop. The resolution should be around 300 dpi so that using it on a high quality printer will result in an image that is not blurry. **You may NOT use a camera or a smart phone to get a picture**; You may engage others to help you get the scan, as long as you learn how to do it yourself also. You must do the art itself by your own hand, regardless of how bad an artist you think you are.
- The filename of the file that you submit should start with your letter and must also include the correct file extension.

Submission of paper: obtain an envelope large enough so that your art can be in the envelope without making a crease in your art work. On the outside of the envelope write on three separate lines: your student ID number, your family name, and below that, your given name(s). On the next line write the letter you chose and the name of the file of your electronic submission.

Points: This assignment will gain you up to 15 points. Note that we can tell from your submission how much work you invested and the typical point total would be about 10 points for something that is of moderate quality; 15 points would only be given to something that looks outstanding and possibly worth framing. Late penalty of 3 points is assessed if the electronic copy is handed in after the indicated due date and time, or if the paper version is not handed in at the lecture coinciding with the due date.