

Painting with Dandelions

Dandelions are popping-up all over grassy areas. While these flowers are classified as a weed due to their ability to spread quickly and randomly, they are an important first source of food during the springtime for many pollinators including bees, butterflies, moths, and even birds.

Because dandelions have a strong taproot, they will regrow if they lose their flower. Consider natural methods to eradicate this plant if you need to control their numbers, including hand digging the roots, as to not harm the natural environment.

Here is a fun activity for kids to enjoy the dandelion flower. Dandelion flowers are easy to paint with, creating different shapes.

What you need:

- Several dandelion flowers
- Paper
- Washable Paint
- Shallow paint dishes
- Paint brushes (optional)



What to do:

1. Put the paint in shallow dishes or on a small plate. Make sure the dandelion can fit in the small dish.
2. Use the dandelion like a paint brush. Have your child dip the flower side into the paint and then gently press onto the paper. This creates a starburst effect.
3. You can choose to use one flower per color or mix colors.
4. You can use paint brushes to draw other shapes on your painting if you choose
5. Allow your child to be creative! Paintings can be used as artwork, postcards, or greeting cards.



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