



Flowers have often been a source of inspiration for artists. They showcase endless colors, patterns and shapes and change throughout the seasons. A variety of flowers can be found in the Currier's paperweight collection, including this Poppy Bouquet. Check out the Currier's large paperweight collection [here](#) and see how many flowers you can find? What else can you find in the collection?

Rick Ayotte, *Poppy Bouquet Paperweight*, 1991, glass, 3 3/4 in. x 3 3/4 in., The Henry Melville Fuller Collection.

Activity: Painted Poppies: create large painted poppies with three dimensional details.

Materials:

- Paper
- Paint such as acrylic (or any paint you have): red, orange, yellow, white (optional)
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Glue
- Construction paper: black and green (or any paper you have on hand)
- Drawing tool such as a pencil or crayon

Directions:

- Using your drawing tool, draw a simple flower shape (outline only) on your paper
- Pour a small amount of red paint in the center of the flower and draw the color out toward the edges using a paintbrush
- Repeat with remaining colors, filling in the entire flower with color
- Let dry, then cut out the flower with scissors
- Cut two simple leaf shapes out of green paper and attach them to the flower with glue
- Cut out a black (or a different color) construction paper circle. Make cuts into the circle, not quite reaching the center, so the edge is fringed. Fold about half of the fringes upward and then glue onto the center of the flower for a 3d effect.

Tips:

- Try different color combinations and blending colors to create other types of flowers.
- Try layering different colors of paper in the center and see how tall you can get your 3d elements to stand.

Share your creations with us on Social Media!

Follow us @[curriermuseum](#) on Instagram and follow us on [Facebook](#). [#MuseumFromHome](#)
[#CMA](#) [#CurrierMuseumOfArt](#) [#CurrierMuseum](#) #MuseumAtHome #KeepMakingArt

CURRIER
MUSEUM
of ART



Share your creations with us on Social Media!

Follow us @[curriermuseum](#) on Instagram and follow us on [Facebook](#). [#MuseumFromHome](#)
[#CMA](#) [#CurrierMuseumOfArt](#) [#CurrierMuseum](#) #MuseumAtHome #KeepMakingArt