

Art Knowledge Organiser

Flower Head

Flowers are a natural form. They can be brightly coloured, patterned and various shapes and sizes. Because of this, many artists have used flowers as inspiration for their artwork.



Visual Elements

Colour

Flowers are brightly coloured to attract animals. The bright colours also make them a good subject for artists to paint. Vincent van Gogh was inspired by the beautiful bright blue of the iris flower in this famous painting.



irises



Iris, 1889

Pattern

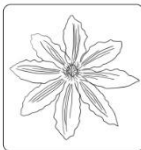
Flowers often have beautiful and delicate patterns. Adding pattern to drawings adds interest and detail.



spots



stripes



Form

Flowers come in different shapes and sizes. The form of a flower can inspire three-dimensional artwork, such as this orchid sculpture by artist Marc Quinn.



orchid



Orchid, 2013

Glossary

Colour - The hue or shade of something.

Contemporary Artist - An artist who is living at this time.

Form - The 3-D shape of something.

Line - A mark made in drawing. pattern A decorative design.

Sculpture - A 3-D form.

Shape - The outline of something.

Visual Element - A characteristic that can be seen, such as line, shape, form, colour, pattern and texture.



Texture

Flowers have interesting textures. Peonies have a soft and wrinkled texture, and tulips are smooth and shiny. In contrast, sunflower heads are rough and bumpy. Texture is added to artwork using textural materials or by making marks on the surface of the artwork.



peonies



tulips



sunflowers

Lines and shapes

Flowers and petals have interesting shapes. When drawing, lines are used to create the outline of the flower or its smaller parts.

