

Floral Fun (flower magnetic holder)



This fun and simple craft was inspired by the flowers in bloom in the gardens at Shaw House.

With these instructions, you can make a flower magnetic holder to be used to hold photos, artwork or messages on a fridge or a magnetic board. Or you can simply use as a decoration.

To make a flower magnetic holder, you will need: a pencil, scissors, a wooden clothes peg, two self-adhesive button magnets (or a small strip), a green acrylic paint pen (or green paint or felt tip pen), three foam sheets in green, yellow and another colour (or felt or thin card), glue or glue dots.

Instructions:

1. Colour the wooden clothes peg in green on the outside. If necessary, leave to dry.
2. With the foam sheets (or felt or thin card), draw and cut out a leaf (green), a five-petal (star-shaped) flower – we used pink foam sheet but any colour or material is fine – and a small round circle (yellow) for the centre of the flower.
3. Glue the yellow circle to the centre of the flower. Then glue the flower head to the top of the clothes peg (one of the sides, *not* one of the sides that open). Glue the leaf to the base of the clothes peg (on the same side). We used glue dots.
4. On the opposite side to where you glued the leaf and flower head, stick on the magnets or magnetic strip. We used two self-adhesive button magnets, which we cut with scissors to fit the clothes peg.
5. Your flower magnetic holder is now complete! It can be used on a fridge or magnetic board to hold photographs, artwork or messages. Or you can simply use as a decoration.

Fun fact: One of the world's largest flowers is also one of the smelliest! The Titan Arum is about three metres tall and smells of rotting meat when in bloom. Yikes! We prefer the sweet smell of a scented rose. Do you agree?