

MORE TO do Have a simple Mother's Day Tea on the Friday before Mother's Day. If possible, let the children help bake and decorate simple sugar cookies and make iced tea and lemonade. Let the children help make a simple invitation for their mothers (or other special person) letting them know the time and day of the tea. Have the children use craft materials to decorate the room and tables for the tea. Remember to keep things simple and short, as parties often overwhelm young children.

RELATED POEM **I Love My Mom** by Virginia Jean Herrod
I love my Mom and she loves me, (point outward, then point to self)
I love her this much as you can see. (spread arms wide)
I love my Mom and I'll tell you why, (shake finger at audience)
She's like a diamond in the sky. (make a diamond shape with forefingers and thumbs and hold above head)
I love my Mom and she loves me, (point outward then point to self)
I love her this much as you can see. (spread arms wide)

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MATERIALS

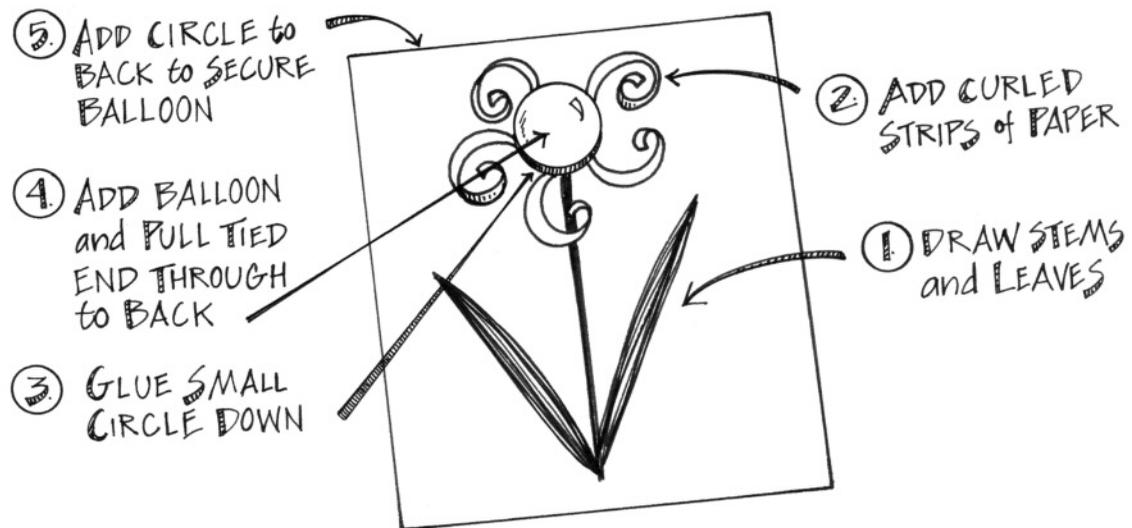
- 12" x 18" construction paper in various colors
- crayons
- 1" x 6" construction paper strips in assorted colors
- jumbo crayons for curling
- glue
- 2" paper circles in various colors
- small balloons in assorted colors
- adult scissors

WHAT TO do

- Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

1. Give each child a piece of 12" x 18" construction paper positioned vertically. Ask them to color a big stem in the center of their paper, making it very tall and fat. Invite them to add leaves and ground as well.
2. Let each child choose about five strips of paper.

3. Demonstrate how to put a curl into the paper strip by rolling the paper tightly around a jumbo crayon, holding it for a moment, and then slipping the crayon out (keeping the curl intact). This curled strip becomes one curled "flower petal."
4. Show the children how to glue one end of the petal at the top of the stem so that the curl spirals up to make a three-dimensional flower. Repeat the curling process until there are about five petals arranged in a circle to form the flower.
5. Next, ask each child to choose a small circle and glue it on top of the ends of the strips, covering the ends to make the center of the flower.
6. Blow up the balloons until they are about 3" in diameter and tie them shut (adult only).
7. This step should be done by an adult. Use the sharp end of a pair of scissors to poke a hole in the center of the circle and ease the balloon through the hole so that the tied end is on the back of the picture and the balloon is sticking out as the flower's center. Glue another 2" circle on the back to secure the balloon.



MORE TO do Have the children make the flowers into a card to take home before Mother's Day.

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