

# 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.

## Famous floral artworks

Some of the most famous artworks featuring flowers are by the artist Vincent van Gogh. He was fascinated by sunflowers and, for him, the colour yellow was a symbol of happiness and sunshine. Here are two of his artworks inspired by sunflowers.

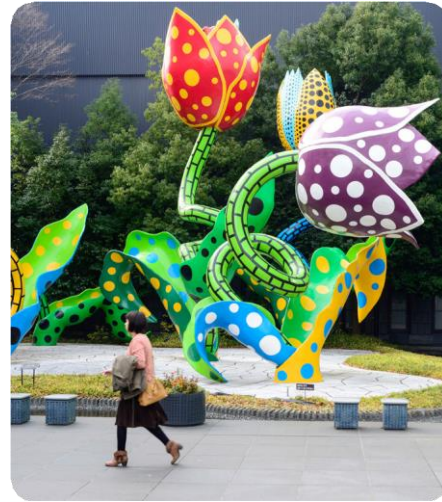


Three Sunflowers in a Vase,  
1888



Six Sunflowers, 1888

## Contemporary artists



The Visionary Flowers  
2002



Flowers That Bloom  
Tomorrow  
2009

**Yayoi Kusama** is a contemporary artist inspired by the natural forms of flowers. Her giant flower sculptures are brightly coloured and highly patterned. Her work is often placed in urban settings as a contrast to the surrounding buildings.

## Visual element

### 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



Irises, 1889

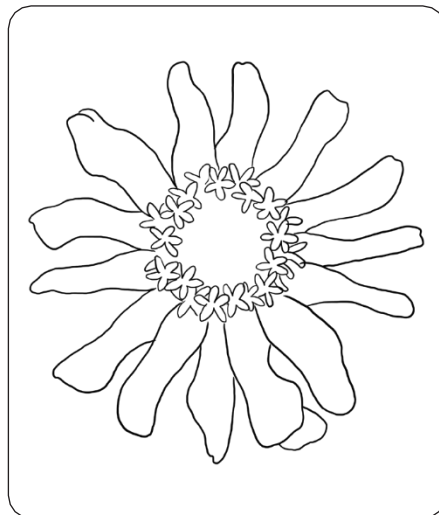
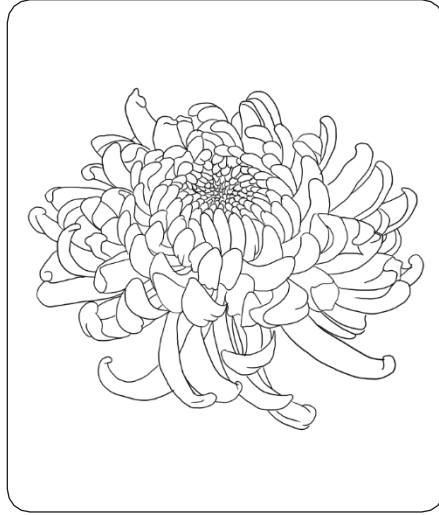
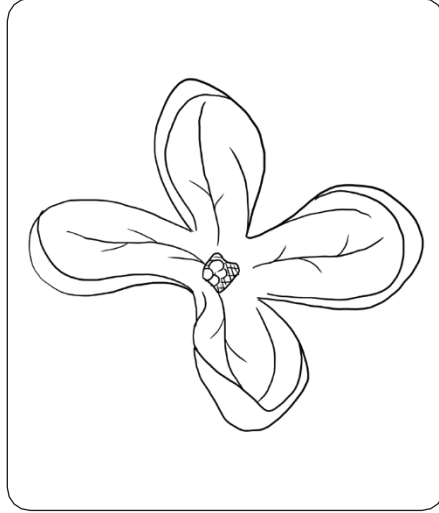
### Texture

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.



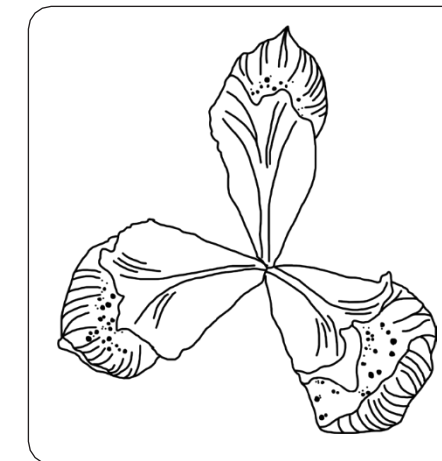
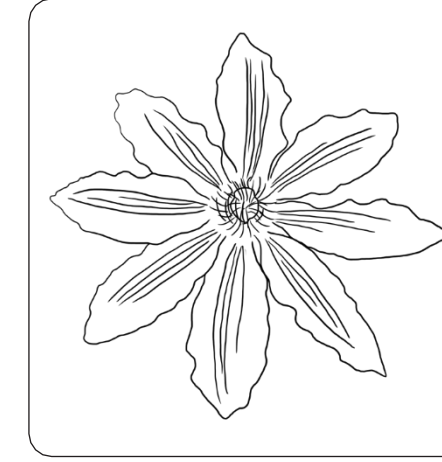
## Lines and shapes

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



## Pattern

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



## 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.



## Glossary

<b>colour</b>	The shade of something e.g. red, blue, pink, white.
<b>form</b>	The 3D shape of something.
<b>line</b>	A mark made when drawing.
<b>pattern</b>	A decorative design.
<b>sculpture</b>	A 3 Dimensional form that can be made from a range of materials.
<b>texture</b>	The texture is how something feels e.g. soft, bumpy, smooth or rough.