

Botanical Rubbing Plate

Teacher's Guide

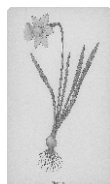
January



February



March



April



May



June



July



Our rubbing plates are designed to integrate art and science. The artwork is inspired by the antique prints made popular by the Audubon Society. Each card features fine details of the parts of the flower including the blossom, stem, leaves, and roots. We have selected the flowers based on the birth months throughout the year. The Latin names are printed along the bottom of each card. Additionally, we have included a tulip and lily.

Make your own botanical prints! Lay a sheet of paper over a plate and rub with the side of a crayon. Once you have the outline, trace the elements with darker crayons and fill in each section with colors.

January:	Carnation
February:	Violet
March:	Daffodil
April:	Daisy
May:	Lily of the Valley
June:	Rose
July:	Larkspur
August:	Gladiolus
September:	Aster
October:	Marigold
November:	Chrysanthemum
December:	Narcissus

Feature a different flower each month. Do

a quick internet search and give your students some interesting facts. For instance, tulips originally grew wild in the mountains and grassy slopes of Central Asia, especially in regions that are now Kazakhstan and Turkey. In the 1600s, tulips became so popular in the Netherlands that people traded bulbs like gold

— a period now called “Tulip Mania.” Tulips grow best in well-drained, sandy or loamy soil. The seeds of a tulip are small, flat, and disk-shaped, often a light brown color. Wild tulips reproduce by seeds, but most garden tulips are grown from bulbs instead of seeds. Tulips are a famous subject in Dutch Golden Age paintings, especially in still lifes by artists like Rachel Ruysch and Jan Davidsz. de Heem, where they symbolized beauty and luxury.

Create your own botanical prints! Rub a design, trace with crayon or marker and label the parts.

Write a description on the back of your artwork.

Create special artwork. Make a bouquet for Mother's Day or Valentines. Use the plates to design delightful greeting cards.

August



September



October



November



December

