



# Blooming Poppies

The beautiful, bright orange California poppy is California's state flower. Color your own poppy and watch it bloom in water! As the paper absorbs the water, the fibers inside the paper expand, pushing the petals open.

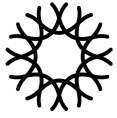
## Materials

Poppy outline (page 2)  
Crayons or colored pencils  
Scissors  
Tray of water

## Directions

1. **Print out** the poppy outline found on page 2.
2. **Color** in your flower using colored pencils and/or crayons. The California poppy is bright orange, but yours can be whatever color you'd like.
3. **Cut out** your flower along the solid black line.
4. **Fold** the flower petals inward along the dotted line.
5. **Gently place** your flower into the tray of water.
6. **Watch** as your poppy starts to bloom. Wow!





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