



Hampstead Stage Company
Beauty and the Beast -Educational Materials
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Beauty and Beast's Garden Architecture

Summary:

- This interactive workshop guides students in designing and “building” their own garden!
- Optional extension to display students work as a community art project to brighten an outdoor or indoor space
- Design and architecture component ties in with “Build a Better World” summer reading theme.
- Perfect for a rainy-day activity or story time

Ages: 5+

Time: 45-60 minutes

Materials:

Paper Heart Flowers

- Paper in a variety of colors
- Single hole punch
- Straws (one per flower)

Coffee Filter Flowers

- Round coffee filters, pre-dyed with food coloring if desired OR students may color their flowers using markers
- Pipe cleaners (one per flower)

Introduction (5 minutes):

(Note -this workshop outline assumes students have seen Hampstead Stage Company's production of Beauty and the Beast, though it may be used as a preshow or standalone activity, simply adjust the following introduction as needed.)

In Hampstead Stage Company's Beauty and the Beast, both Beauty and Beast share a love for gardening. Beauty tends the garden at her family's country cottage and loves reading books about flowers and plants. Beast plants a magical garden to pass the time on his own. Today, we are going to create our own flowers and use them to build an indoor/outdoor garden just like the ones in Beauty and the Beast.



Paper Heart Flowers (15 minutes)

- **Students may either cut out the hearts needed to create their flowers OR workshop leader could have hearts pre-cut.**
- Each flower will require -three hearts for the flower “petals” and two hearts for the flower “leaves”
- Flower petals may be all the same color or different colors. Students may use green paper for leaves or play with using other colors as desired.
- Once students have cut out all the hearts, workshop leader, students, or student helper should **use a single hole punch to punch holes toward the bottom of all the hearts (near the point).**
- **Once holes are punched, slide the leaves on first.**
- **Add the three flower petals and fan out to create the flower.**
- **Use clear tape to secure petals and leaves as needed.**
- Students may make as many flowers as desired.

Coffee Filter Flowers (15 minutes)

- **Students should draw a large spiral starting in the center of the coffee filter and moving outward.** The thicker the spiral, the better. (Depending on age of students, spirals may be pre-traced)
- **Students should then cut along the line of the spiral.**
- **Gathering the material from the center of the spiral, pinch the filter between the fingertips and begin to “wrap” the filter following the circular motion of the spiral,** wrapping loosely as the flower appears.
- Once the flower has been wrapped, either staple or tape the bottom to secure
- Wrap the bottom with green pipe cleaner to create a stem, or use other colors as desired.
- Students may make as many flowers as desired

Create an Indoor or Outdoor Garden (15 minutes)

Now is your chance to become a garden architect -someone who designs gardens! Just as Beauty loved flowers and gardening and Beast designed his own magic garden, we will now take our flowers and brainstorm how we can share them with those around us.

Definition: Architecture → The art or science of building (Merriam Webster Dictionary)

Landscape Architecture → The art or science of designing landscapes (outdoor scenery) including gardens.

- If there is some flexibility in where and how students could display their flowers, allow them time to sketch out their designs and then implement them as a group.



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- If space or time is limited, guide students to where they may “plant” their flowers. Some ideas include placing flowers in vases and passing these out to staff or placing in a reception area or putting flowers in inexpensive flower pots with scrap paper for filling and “planting” them outside. Note -flowers are not waterproof! So, it may be best to move them inside if it is a rainy day.

Reflection Question (5 minutes)

- Why do you think Beauty and Beast enjoyed gardening so much?
- How else can we use art to brighten up our common spaces?

Further Resources

“Paper Heart Flowers” was modified from the craft found here:

<http://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/2016/02/26/paper-straw-flowers/>