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Time: 4 class periods  
(50 minutes each)

# 3-D Georgia O'Keeffe flower pins



#### C.4.

Explore the elements and principles of design.

#### C.4.7

Explore the natural characteristics of materials and their possibilities and limitations.



## Objectives

*Students will...*

- Technically be able to manipulate Sculpey<sup>®</sup> Clay and use their fine motor skills
- Create a three-dimensional pin in the style of O'Keeffe by choosing their own flower and reproducing its characteristics
- Become aware of features unique to individual flowers
- View and discuss Georgia O'Keeffe's flower paintings
- Understand how art, art history, and science can be integrated

## Introduction

Teachers will provide examples of seed catalogs, flower books, and materials on Georgia O'Keeffe. A narrative talk about her life, style of art, and reproductions will take place before the hands-on activity, as well as questions about why people thought she painted flowers on such a large scale. Students will sketch a small thumbnail image of the flower they will reproduce for their pins. They will then make their flowers out of Sculpey® Clay.

## Instructions

1. Choose a flower from the resources provided.
2. Demonstrate how to make different kinds of flowers, their centers, petals, and leaves out of Sculpey®.
3. Students will practice drawing their flower in detail.
4. Students will decide on their Sculpey® colors and start forming their flower and its leaves or buds.
5. Attach the flower to the pin carefully without smashing the petals and leaves.
6. Bake 15 minutes per ¼" of thickness at 275° F in a toaster oven.

Put clay flowers on tag board with students' names on them, display in a glass case, and enjoy all the compliments!



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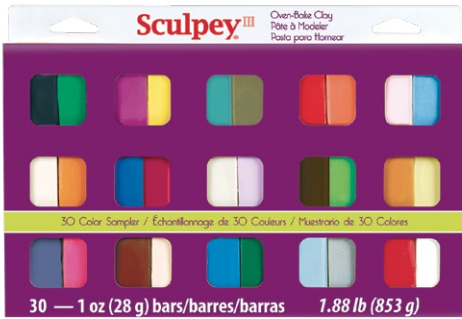


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## Materials list

- A metal button without a plastic back (e.g. a used campaign button)
- Stylus sticks, package of 100 (0900846)
- Sculpey III® Sampler Pack of 1-oz. bars, 30 bars in assorted colors (9719131)
- Sculpey III® 10-Piece Multi-Packs of 2-oz. bars
  - Classic Colors (9719130)
  - Natural Colors (9719134)
  - Bright Colors (9719133)
- Sculpey III® 6-lb. Classroom Set, 1 lb. each of white, black, blue, yellow, red, and emerald (9725936)
- AMACO® Polymer Clay and Craft Oven (9725425)
- Flower books or seed catalogs
- Georgia O'Keeffe reproductions



## Assessment

- Skill
- Effort
- Likeness to flower

Does it look similar to the flower they chose?

Is it dimensional or flattened?

Did they follow in the style of O'Keeffe?

## Vocabulary

- Georgia O'Keeffe
- detail
- texture
- shape
- line
- Sculpey® clay
- Scientific Flower Parts:
  - anther
  - stigma
  - style
  - flower petals
  - stamen
  - leaves

## Resources:

Check out [www.okeeffemuseum.org](http://www.okeeffemuseum.org) for additional information about the works of Georgia O'Keeffe, or visit the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum located in Santa Fe, New Mexico.