

# Let's Make It!



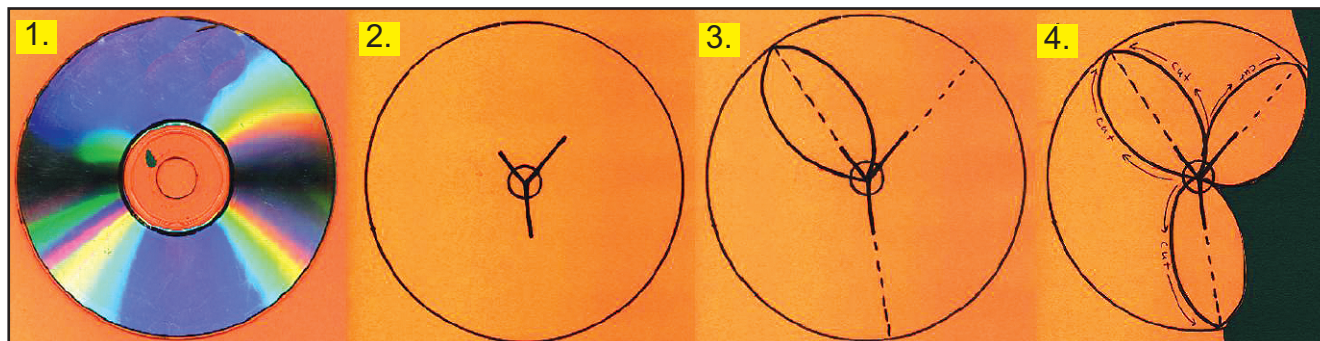
## Daffodils Are Blooming!



After a long Michigan winter comes spring! In the spring some plants, which have been “sleeping” during the winter, begin to grow. These plants called “perennials” start growing and pushing out of the soil in seemingly lifeless gardens. Early spring flowers will grow and bloom only during the brief spring season. Common spring flowers are tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses.

The colors of early spring flowers are very special to discover after a long cold season. Be a flower detective and take a closer look at the new growth of spring. As all flowers of every season, spring flowers come in many shapes and heights and shades of color. Notice that some flowers petals grow up and others grow down. Count the petals and observe their shape, size and color differences. Study the stem height and leaf shape and size. It is fun to carefully examine how each flower grows and blooms in a unique way.

Continue your detective work as you watch for new flowers coming into bloom as the spring turns into summer. Try sketching and drawing the flowers you see or try making some paper flowers to decorate your home. Have fun exploring the seasons of growing plants and flowers. Use your artist eye to create what you discover.

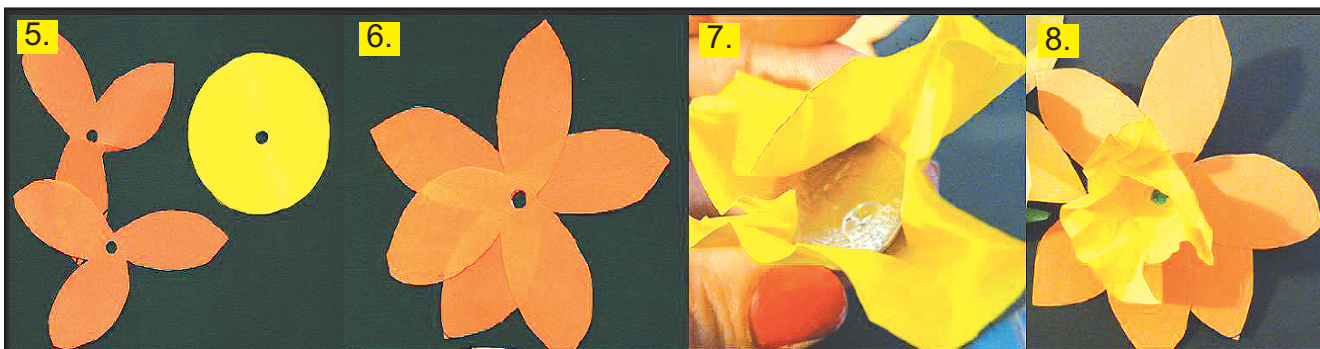


Step 1 - Fold a yellow, white or orange 8.5 x 11 paper in half the short way. Using a discarded CD, trace the outer and inner circle with a pencil.

Step 2 - At the center, draw the capital letter “Y” as shown.

Step 3 - Extend the letter until it meets the outer circle with dotted lines. The dotted lines are the center line of the three petals. Draw a large oval for each petal as shown.

Step 4 - Cut the folded paper at the same time to create 2 three petal forms.



Step 5 - Trace and cut out a circle using a circular object. This circle will be a little smaller than the CD outer circle. To prepare for a stem, punch a hole in the center of each of the three pieces.

Step 6 - Place the 2 three petal forms on top of each other and align the holes. Tape or glue.

Step 7 - To create the cup-like shape for the center of the daffodil, place a quarter in the center of the circle. Fold and crunch the paper to stand up around the quarter. Remove quarter.

Step 8 - Glue or tape the center cup to center of petals. Push green pipe cleaner through the center hole for the stem and secure.