

Cherry blossom Art



First some facts about Cherry blossoms.

A Cherry blossom is a flower of many trees of genus Prunus. The most well known species is the Japanese cherry, Prunus serrulata which is commonly called sakura. It produces a small unpalatable fruit or edible cherries. These pale blooms are a symbol of RENEWAL and HOPE.

There are over 200 different varieties of cherry blossom.

Each tree may only bloom for up to a week.

Cherry blossoms are Japan's national flower.

Picnicking beneath cherry blossom trees is a Japanese tradition. This century old custom is known as 'hanami' (flower viewing). 'Hanami' picnics are held at night also. The Japanese hang paper lanterns in the cherry blossom tree to illuminate them.

Next some art ideas for you to try at home using the cherry blossom for inspiration.

1. Learn how to draw cherry blossoms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJknEdwBQFo>

Materials: pencil/paper/marker/ chalk/ oil pastel.

2. <https://www.gluedtomycraftsblog.com/2015/03/bubble-wrap-print-cherry-blossom-tree-wfree-printable.html>

Make a bubble wrap print cherry blossom tree

Materials: bubble wrap/ small paper plate/ white and pink paint/ coloured card (white or blue)

3. Cherry blossom painting with cotton buds. See picture below for ideas.

Materials: paint/card/paper/ cotton buds



4. <https://alphamom.com/family-fun/holidays/cherry-blossom-art-from-a-recycled-soda-bottle/>

Cherry blossom art using a recycled plastic drinks bottle.

Materials: paper/card/paper plate/ paint brush/ empty plastic drinks bottle

5. <https://iheartcraftythings.com/cherry-blossom-art-project.html>

Tissue paper cherry blossom in a vase

Materials: card/paper/glue/black paint or black marker/ coloured markers/ pink coloured tissue paper

Hope you enjoy trying out some of these art lessons.

If you have a cherry blossom tree in your garden observe its beauty up close. On a sunny afternoon grab a notebook or sketch pad and try to sketch your own drawing of this beautiful flower. If at all possible please upload your sketch or any of the above ideas to your class teacher.

Looking forward to seeing some amazing artwork!

