



## Poinsettia Flower Pencil

### WORKSHOP TITLE

### MATERIALS

- 7-8 dried cornhusks
- 4 beets
- 2 cups of leafy greens (kale or spinach)
- large pan with lid
- vegetable peeler
- food tongs
- spatula
- knife
- cutting board
- 3 large plates
- water
- measuring cup
- pencil
- ruler
- scissors
- green ribbon
- glue
- tape

### NATURAL DYE PROCEDURE

1. Adults: pour 2 cups of water into a large pan and place on stove and heat on a medium flame.
  - Meanwhile, peel the beets using the vegetable peeler.
2. Once the water boils, add 2 cups of beet peels.
  - Lower the flame, cover the pan, and boil for 1 minute.
  - Use the spatula to gently move the beets to the side and place 4 cornhusks into the large pan.
  - Cover the pan and let simmer for 1 hour.
3. Use the tongs to remove the cornhusks. Place them on a plate and let air dry for 24 hours.
4. Adults: Empty and rinse the pan, add 2 cups of water and bring water to a boil.
  - Meanwhile, children can tear leafy leftover greens.
5. Once water boils, add 2 cups of leafy greens.
  - Lower the flame, cover the pan, and boil for 1 minute.
  - Add 1 cornhusk into the pan, cover, and let simmer for 1 hour.
6. Use the tongs to remove the cornhusk. Place it on a plate and let air dry for 24 hours.
7. Place 1 corn husk on a plate. This one does not need to be dyed!



## ASSEMBLING THE POINSETTIA

1. Use a ruler to measure and cut one 3in. x 3in. piece of red cornhusk to make 3 small sized leaves.
  - Fold the piece in half three times.
  - Use scissors to cut the shape of a petal.
2. Using a second red cornhusk, cut a 4in. x 4in. piece to make 3 medium sized leaves.
  - Fold the piece in half three times.
  - Use scissors to cut the shape of a petal.
3. Using two red cornhusks, cut two 5in. x 5in. pieces on each to make 6 large leaves.
  - Fold each 5in. x 5in. piece in half three times.
  - Use scissors to cut the shape of a petal.
4. Using the green cornhusk, cut one 5in. x 5in. piece to make large green leaves.
  - Fold the piece in half three times.
  - Use scissors to cut the shape of a petal.
5. Using the natural colored cornhusk, cut one 5in. x 5in. piece to make the true flowers of the plant.
  - Fold the piece in half twice to make four rectangles. Cut along the folded lines.
  - Fold one end of a rectangle several times until you reach the middle.
  - Roll the folded area, then twist all the way to the bottom end of the rectangle.
  - Repeat this process with the remaining rectangles for a total of 4 flowers.
6. Time to bind! Wrap the flowers around the pencil and secure them using tape.
7. Bind the leaves:
  - Add the 3 small red leaves and tape them down.
  - Add the 3 medium red leaves and tape them down.
  - Add the 6 large red leaves and tape them down. Make sure not to leave any space in between.
  - Add the 3 green leaves and tape them down.
8. Lastly, cut 12 inches of green ribbon. Using glue, secure the ribbon below the green leaves and wrap the ribbon around the entire pencil. Cut the remaining ribbon and glue the end down.