



# Georgia O'Keeffe Flowers

# Learn about Georgia O'Keeffe

video

<https://youtu.be/3AY9rDB-WBk>

Georgia O'Keeffe 1887-1986, one of America's most important and successful artists, known for her paintings of New York skyscrapers and her radical depictions of flowers.



**Abstract Art:** Art that does not look like the actual object. The artwork will have elements of the original object, but those elements may be blurred or exaggerated.

Georgia O'Keeffe became very famous for the abstractions of flowers that she created. During an era when modern art was blossoming, O'Keeffe came up with an entirely new way to portray a flower by focusing on only one area of the flower. The abstractions kept their flower-like qualities while they were transformed into what appeared to be mysterious landscapes of fluid line and color.



# Create your own Georgia O'Keefe Flower Drawing:

## Step 1

Choose a flower to work with. Find an image of a flower online, or find a flower outside, and take a picture of the flower. Make sure the details of the flower are crisp and clear. The larger the image, the easier it will be to create your flower drawing. So try to either use a tablet to capture your image, or upload your image to your chromebook or computer which has a larger screen.

### Watch Step 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-4MP0H1th0>

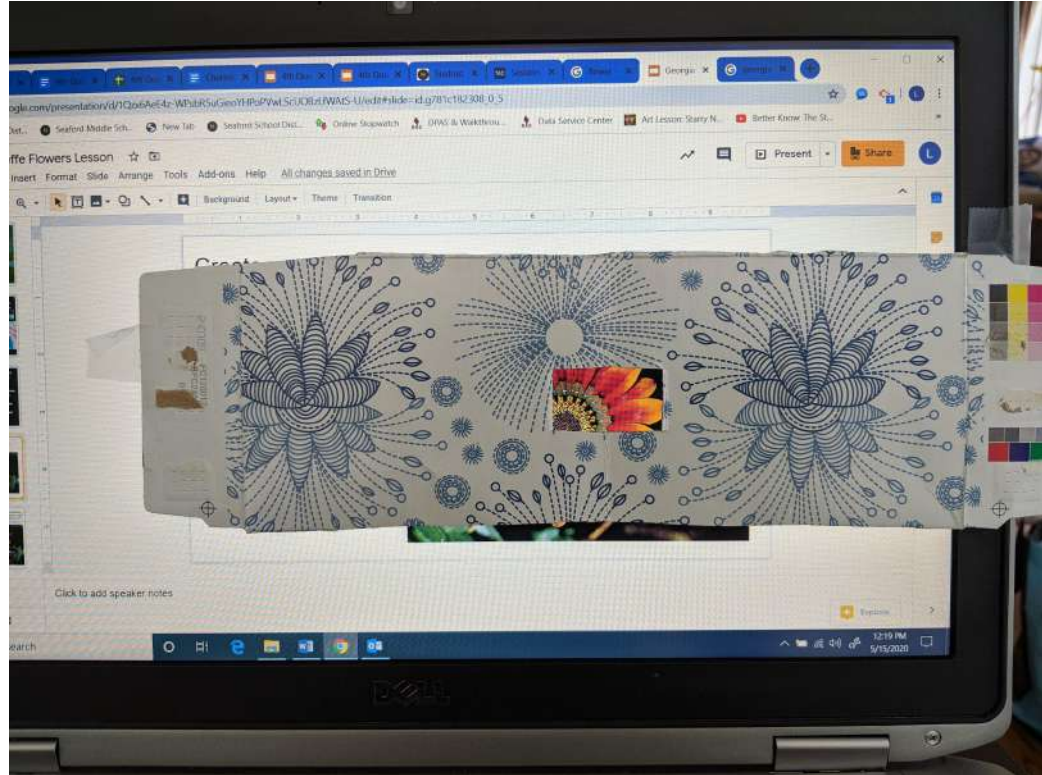


**Step 2** You will need to create a viewfinder or window to look through to find an interesting part of the flower to work with in order to create a Georgia O'Keeffe style abstraction. Cardboard works best. But, any type of paper can be used. I **cut a strip** off of a tissue box, **folded** it in half, and **cut** a square on the fold. Then I moved the little window around over the flower, until I found an area of interest. Then I carefully taped it to the screen. **Do not press too hard on the tape**, and make sure **one corner is folded over** to easily remove the tape from the screen.



**Watch Step 2**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YmzaUSBko0>



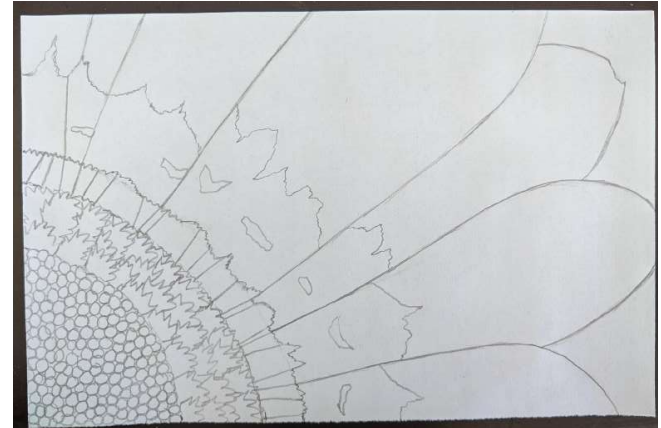
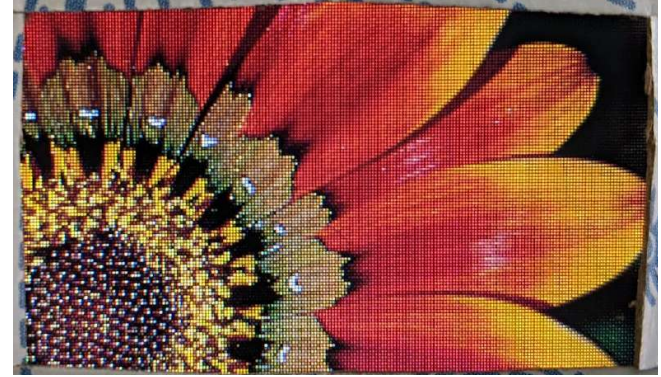
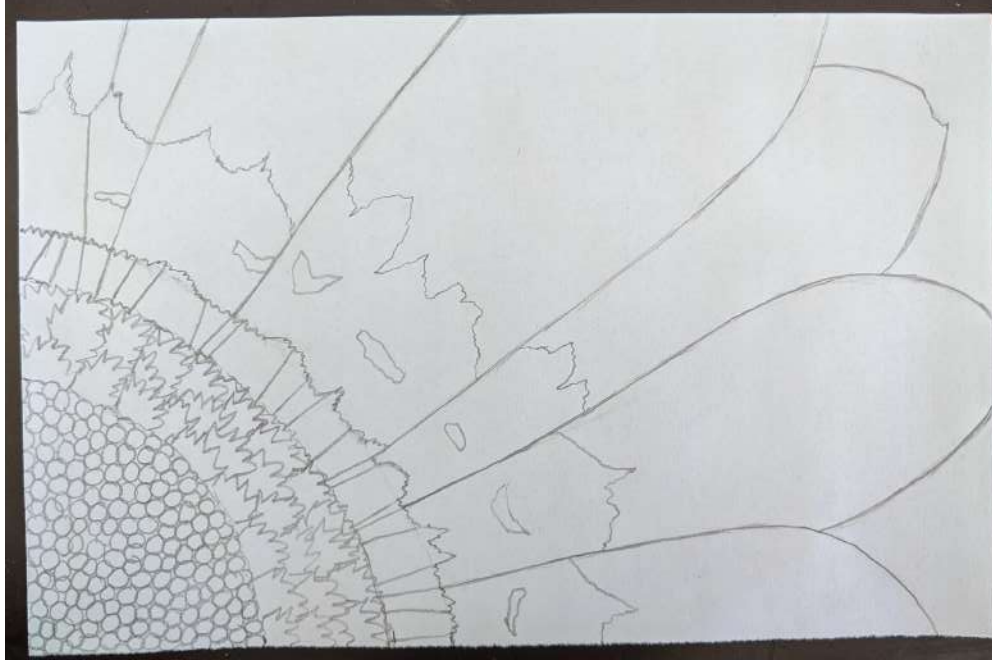


*Take a Closer Look!*



*Georgia O'Keeffe looking through a piece of cheese.*

**Step 3** The window is probably a rectangle, just like the paper that you will be drawing on. Look at the orientation of the window, is it vertical ☐ , or horizontal ☐ ? Turn your paper the same way as your window. Look through the window and start drawing what you see. If a line is close to the corner of the window, then it will be close to the corner of the paper. If a line is in the center of the window, it is in the center of the paper. You are just taking a small image and making it much larger!



**Watch Step 3**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5p00AlvJKjQ>



# Color Transition Tutorial

video

<https://youtu.be/8A8qT3jpChk>

**Step 4** Use colored pencils (or watercolor pencils) to start adding color to your abstract flower drawing. Make sure to blend and transition colors when needed, and pay attention to the different values (lights and darks) that make the flower look 3 dimensional.



**Watch Step 4**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46ZldkJpSZQ>

## Step 5

1. Take a photograph of your artwork (make sure it is centered and straight).
2. Submit or share your artwork in Google Docs/Slides, or Email to:  
[lisa.cherivtch@seaford.k12.de.us](mailto:lisa.cherivtch@seaford.k12.de.us)

**Don't forget to include your name and grade level!**



# *Ms. Cherivtch's Flower Abstraction*

