

DLS Helps to DIY



Parents, in May many of us celebrate Mother's Day, which often brings to mind: Flowers! Spring has sprung and it is common to give our mothers flowers which, although beautiful, will eventually wilt away. One simple way to celebrate Mom and create a family keep-sake is to make a paper flower. You and your children can make this craft together by following these easy steps:

- 1- Trace your children's handprints onto construction paper.
- 2- Cut out the handprints. These become the flower petals.
- 3- Cut long rectangles to create the stem of a flower.
- 4- On a separate piece of paper, glue the petals into a flower shape and add the stem.
- 5- On each petal record your children's responses to the statements below:
 - My favorite thing about my Mom is...
 - I love it when my Mom...
 - My Mom is funny when...
 - My Mom makes the best...
 - My Mom always says...
 - My Mom makes me feel...
- 6- Decorate the margins of the paper to create a picture frame effect.

Feel free to allow the children's imaginations to run wild if they have additional statements to add. But most importantly, enjoy the process with your children. The best Mother's Day gift of all may be the memory of this time together!

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