

WOODEN FLOWERS WITH MATT ELISON



WHAT YOU NEED:

- 12 or more straight twigs pruned from the garden with as few knots as possible
- Sharp pocket knife or kitchen paring knife
- Potato peeler
- Spray paint
- Food dye (optional)

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

1



PEEL.

Using the potato peeler, shave off the bark from one half of the twig. This is the stem of the flower – go as thin as you like. Resting on the table might help.

2



CUT.

Holding the top of the twig in your non-dominant hand and the knife in the other push the back of the blade using both thumbs to make a shallow cut about 1.5 cm long just above the start of the stem. Cut gently and don't go too far!



3



TURN.

Turn the stick 1/4 turn cut again, turn 1/4 cut again. Keep doing this process going around and around until you have finally cut the flower from the stick. Don't worry if you muck it up. Keep practising – you have plenty of sticks!

4



LET DRY.

Leave the flowers natural or you can use coloured spray paint or food dye to colour them.