

# FLOWER MARKET DRAMATIC PLAY

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This **flower market dramatic play** center is a perfect spring activity for all ages. Turn a standard dramatic play area into something extraordinary. Rotating dramatic play centers and pretend play centers keep the children's interests while also providing literacy and math opportunities. Bring some sunshine into the classroom and integrate essential math and literacy skills while learning through play!



## Materials Needed:

Artificial Flowers (variety and some of same colors for sorting-by-color purposes)  
Plastic pots, tall cup, pitchers  
Gardening tools (watering can, gloves)  
Shopping bags, purses, wallets, play money, cash register  
Clipboard, notepaper, crayons, pencils, and market signs.

You can find some flower market signs and notepaper on the website provided at the top. Just scroll down towards the end on that post to find the link for free downloads.

Make sure to prepare the silk flowers so that they can be reused year after year. Cut the individual stems apart. Pull the flower off the stem and add a drop of super glue. Attach the bloom back to the stem and they will be more durable, long-lasting, and kid-friendly for a busy pretend play area.

Choose four different types of flowers. The goal is to make it very easy for the children to sort them in their pretend play shop. (Look! Students are also working on sorting – an essential preschool math skill. It's integrated seamlessly into their role-playing, without teacher direction.)

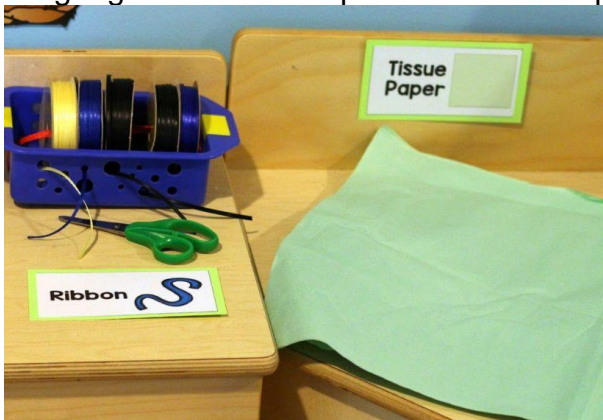
Inexpensive plastic flower pots, small baskets, or plastic vases are good options for displaying these flowers in this garden dramatic play store.

Vases full of brightly colored flowers are gorgeous and irresistible! Label each pot of flowers with a price tag for the store. Remember that it's crucial to include letters and numbers in a young child's environment. Learning about numbers and money is another essential preschool math skill.



## Flowers to Go

Continue to extend the pretend play and create an area where students can take orders for flower bouquets to go! Offer squares of tissue paper (dollar store), ribbon (dollar store), and scissors. The students will get great fine motor practice while wrapping and tying the bouquets.



It's important to include many opportunities for reading and writing in dramatic play. Students can write down their orders at the flower market before heading into the store. The florist also uses these forms for phone orders!

**This activity relates to the following measures for Infant/Toddler DRDP: ATL-4- Curiosity and Initiative in Learning; Language and Literacy Development-LLD 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Relationships and Social Interactions with Peers Classification-COG 2, Number Sense of Quantity-COG 3; Fine Motor Manipulative Skills-PD-HLTH 4**

**This activity relates to the following measures for Preschool DRDP: ATL-4- Curiosity and Initiative in Learning; Language and Literacy Development-LLD 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Classification-COG 2, Number Sense of Quantity-COG 3; Fine Motor Manipulative Skills-PD-HLTH 4**

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