

O'Keeffe Tutor Tips:

Painting a picture like Georgia O'Keeffe is rather easy in some ways, difficult in others.

If you can, have a selection of fresh flowers available: whether that's a bouquet, or going out into a garden, or something else.

If you still want to do flowers, but fresh options aren't available, try:

- Silk flowers (Even O'Keeffe used Silk Flowers on occasions as models)
- Photographs (several are included in this packet)

Other options for subjects which are still items that O'Keeffe did can include:

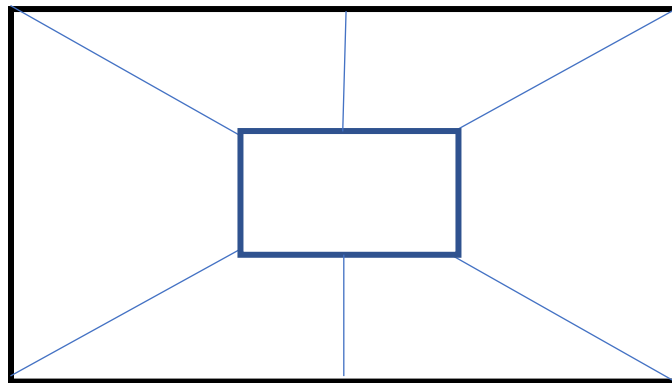
- Shells
- Leaves
- Feathers
- Bones (if you have someone with a scientific bent who has some specimens for borrowing)
- Interesting Rocks (Georgia did paint Rocks once in a while)

Optional Materials can include:

- Magnifying Glasses so the students can look very closely for details
- A Viewfinder (see Below) A Viewfinder allows the student to look through the hole and try to "fill" the window and see how big their flower will have to be.

A Viewfinder is a common artist tool to help an artist "center" their work and see how it would look on a page. While there are many available for purchase, viewfinders are easy to make as well. You'll need:

- A 3in x 5in Index Card, or black cardboard cut into 3 in x 5 in pieces)
 - Scissors or an X-Acto knife
 - Ruler
 - Grey or Black Paint or Black Marker (Optional)
1. If you're going to paint the cards black, begin by painting them black. (The advantage to this is no white light reflects back into the eye, allowing the eye to relax and focus through the hole.) Let dry completely. If you're going to leave them white, skip this step.
 2. Find the center of the Index Card (I like to draw a line corner to corner and meet in the middle.) and measure a rectangle 1 in x 1.25 inches centered on the middle. This approximates the proportions of a standard 9 x 12 or 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.
 3. Using scissors or an xacto-knife, cut this rectangle out. It is deliberately small, to force the artist to focus on a small field.



(Diagram not to scale)



Japanese Iris; Photograph by R.J. Hughes; 2017.



Lily in a Vase; Photo by R.J. Hughes; 2017



"Alstroemeria" Photo by R.J. Hughes; 2017



"Daisey" Photo by r.J. Hughes; 2017



"Kalanchoe" Photo by R.J. Hughes; 2017



"Petunia" Photo by R.J. Hughes; 2017

“Red Canna” Photo by R.J. Hughes; 2017





"Hibiscus" Photo by R.J. Hughes, 2017



"Gladiola" Photo by R.J. Hughes, 2017



"Gladiolous" Photo by R.J. Hughes, 2017.