



PURCHASE YOUR
PATCH NOW AT THE
COUNCIL SHOP!

AWESOME BLOSSOMS

GIRL SCOUTS OF CITRUS COUNCIL OWN PATCH

Enter the wonderful world of flowers with this new council-own patch program! Discover the language of flowers, learn all about floral design and arrangements, and finish by creating your very own bouquet that means something to you!

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① Discover the Language of Flowers

Did you know that each flower has its own meaning? Floriography (the language of flowers) is a means of cryptological communication through the use or arrangement of flowers. Meaning has been attributed to flowers for thousands of years, and some form of floriography has been practiced in traditional cultures throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa.

- a. Visit: <https://www.almanac.com> and/or <https://www.bloomandwild.com> to learn more about floriography. Find your favorite flower - what is the meaning behind it?
- b. Bonus: If you want to learn even more about flowers, you can read about it! Check out some of our favorite books:
 - Floriography: An Illustrated Guide to the Victorian Language of Flowers by Jessica Roux
 - The Complete Language of Flowers: A Definitive and Illustrated History (Volume 3) by S. Theresa Dietz
 - Flower Fairies: The Meaning of Flowers by Cicely Mary Barker

② Learn about floral arrangements

- a. Do some research: Read an article about how flower arrangements were created throughout history: <https://blog.flowersacrossmelbourne.com> and watch a video about the history of floral design: <https://study.com>

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- b. Find flower arrangements around you!
 - Visit your local flower shop or grocery store. Take a look at some of the pre-made bouquets you see. What kind of flowers are most common? Are the arrangements themed around a certain occasion? Do the meanings behind the flowers match the theme?

③ Create your bouquet!

Option 1: Contact a florist or nursery and ask to have them teach you about bouquet making

Option 2: Do-it-Yourself!

- a. Want to get even more creative? Go out to your local flower shop or grocery store and pick out flowers on your own!
- b. You can also visit your local craft store or Wal-Mart to pick up fake flowers to have a bouquet that lasts forever!
- c. Try to get at least three different types of flowers with different meanings. Take them home and arrange them how you want. There are tons of tutorials online or you can get creative and figure something out on your own!

Option 3: Create a virtual bouquet!

- a. This option is recommended for Juniors and up or anyone who considers themselves somewhat tech savvy. Use our Canva template found here: [Canva Virtual Floral Arrangement](#) to create your own bouquet of flowers online.
- b. Make sure you look up the meaning of each flower before adding them to your bouquet so you aren't sending the wrong message!
- c. Use the instructions to save a digital picture of your creation! Send it to one of your friends or post it on social media!

