

Blooming Flowers!

Henri Rousseau (French, 1844–1910) was a self-taught artist who often included exotic plants and flowers in his paintings. He found inspiration by visiting gardens in Paris and looking through illustrated books on plants. He claimed to have “no teacher other than nature.” Look closely at the shapes and colors in this painting. What colors do you see? What shapes are in the flowers and vase? Now let’s draw your own bright bouquet!

Materials:

Pencil, white paper (8.5X11), crayons, markers, colored pencils

Instructions:

Step 1: Take a look at flowers in your own yard or imagine some for inspiration.

Step 2: Draw a basic shape for your vase on paper.

Step 3: Place flowers by adding circles and shapes of different sizes for the centers. Draw petals around those shapes. Add lines for stems and leaves.

Step 4: Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to color your drawing. Share it with us using #BarnesatHome.



Henri Rousseau. *Bouquet of Flowers with China Asters and Tokyos*, 1910

