

HANGING FLOWER DECORATION

- Read the poem written by Seamus Heaney called **Whinlands**, from *Door into the Dark*, 1969:

*All year round the whin
Can show a blossom or two
But it's in full bloom now.
As if the small yolk stain*

*From all the birds' eggs in
All the nests of the spring
Were spiked and hung
Everywhere on bushes to ripen*

*Hills oxidize gold.
Above the smoulder of green shoot
And dross of dead thorns underfoot
The blossoms scald...*

YOU WILL NEED:

- Some wild flowers for inspiration
- A reused egg box
- Scissors
- A glue stick or tape
- Paints, colouring pencils or markers
- String

HOW TO MAKE THE FLOWERS:



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- Carefully cut flower shapes from an empty egg box. Ask an adult to help.
- Paint the flowers. Wait for the paint to dry and then create a design with markers or pens.

HOW TO CREATE THE HANGING DECORATION:

- Pick a stick or a tree twig from the garden or when out walking.
- Make a hole in the centre of each flower with a pencil.
- Thread some string through each flower and tie a knot under it.
- Tie the hanging flowers to the twig.
- Ask an adult to help if necessary.



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