

# Floral Love Letters



Looking for a unique way to celebrate Valentine's Day? Instead of giving someone a traditional card or bouquet of pretty flowers, consider "writing" them a floral love letter by making them a Victorian flower cone that contains special messages within its petals, communicated through the Victorian art of floriography!

## WHAT IS FLORIOGRAPHY?

In Victorian times, people often used flowers to communicate their feelings to one another. Different flowers symbolized different sentiments, creating a secret language of flowers. This language is known as “floriography.” When a person wished to express a sentiment to another person, they would often do so using this secret language by creating a cone vase out of ornate paper, then placing inside of it the flowers that symbolized the feelings they wished to express. These floral love letters didn’t just express romantic love- They were also used to express feelings of friendship and appreciation, to send someone well wishes and support, and to extend compliments, such as “you are brave” or “you brighten my life,” and much more. The cone could contain various different types of flowers if the giver wished to express several feelings. Check out some of these flowers and their meanings, then create a bouquet of your own to express a special message! You can (responsibly) pick or buy these flowers, or even draw and cut out pictures of the flowers you want, and place them in the cone!





# “Write” Your Floral Love Letter!

## MATERIALS

Ornate Paper  
Flowers  
Hole Punch  
String  
Tape

## STEPS

- 1) Choose your recipient and message.
- 2) View [THIS LIST](#) of flower meanings and choose which flowers speak your thoughts.
- 3) Buy or responsibly pick your chosen flowers, or, color and cut out drawings of them. Set aside.
- 4) Cut your ornate paper into the cone size you desire- A 6x6 square works well. If you don't have ornate paper, you can create some by coloring designs onto blank paper. You can also use a book page for a nice vintage look!
- 5) Curl your paper into a cone shape and tape it together.
- 6) Punch two holes on the top sides, then tie string through each hole, creating a “handle” for your cone.
- 7) Insert your chosen flowers.
- 8) Give your Floral Love Letter to its recipient! You can keep the meaning a secret or write each flower's meaning on small piece of paper and insert it into the bouquet!



# Happy Valentine's Day



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