DIY Backyard Bouquet

Materials Needed:
1. **Scissors or garden sheers**
2. **Medium sized jar, glass, or vase**
3. **Optional: Garden gloves**

Activity Instructions:
1. **Find a place outside in your backyard or your neighborhood where you find flowers and other greenery that you can safely cut to fill your bouquet.**
2. *Before cutting any flowers or other plant material, please be sure you have permission first. If you aren't able to find any flowers or greenery to cut, we have another great activity on the next page!*
3. **Once you've found your area, start looking around for two types of materials for our bouquet: Flowers and Foliage.**
4. **First, look for your flowers. Do you see any bright colors that catch your eye? Try to find 3 to 5 flowers to cut for your bouquet. They can all be the same type of flower, or a few different kinds. Pick flowers that you'll enjoy seeing in your home.**
5. **Now, it's time to look for foliage. This is another word for "greenery." It will make your flowers really pop, and help fill out your bouquet. You will want 3 to 5 pieces of foliage.**
6. **Once you've gathered your materials, it's time to arrange our bouquet!**
7. **First, pick off any extra leaves from your flower stems. This will make them fit into the vase a little easier.**
8. **There are so many ways to arrange a bouquet, but here is one approach. Start by putting a few pieces of foliage into the jar, and space them out evenly.**
9. **Then, add your flowers in to fill in the spaces around the foliage.**
10. **Rearrange the flowers and foliage until you like the way it looks. That's how you know it's ready!**
11. **Finally, display your bouquet somewhere, like your dinner table, or somewhere in your home where you'll be able to enjoy it 😊**

Draw Your Own Bouquet

No flowers to cut? No problem. Take this vase and make your own creation! Draw in your favorite flowers, add in some foliage, and design your dream bouquet.