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DIY Teacher Appreciation Ideas

Show your teacher that you care with one of these easy Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Teacher Appreciation Ideas.

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Teacher Appreciation Ideas

DIY Gift Tags

Gift tags can be used to embellish the simplest of gifts and provide a personal touch. Gift tags can be used for:

Mason Jar Gifts (food, candy, dessert, and etc.)
Place baked cookies or candy into a Mason Jar. With a ribbon and/or string attach any necessary instructions. Don't forget to attach a gift tag!

Plants
A small plant can bring a little life to your teacher's desk and make the classroom seem more friendly.

Classroom Materials
A set of new pencils, grading makers, chalk, or other classroom materials is a great idea. Make it more fun by placing the new materials in a fun jar or bin to make your gift more unique and provide extra storage for your teacher.

Lottery Ticket
In many states, Lottery tickets are sold to help fund education. Buy your teacher a Lottery ticket and help fund your own education. Be careful though. If they win, you might get a new teacher!

Favorite Beverage/Food
Spend a few days watching what your teacher likes to drink or eat. Write down notes and see if you can figure out what their favorite is!

What You Will Need

Hammermill® Color Copy Digital Cover
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Scissors
Tape

Optional
Exacto Knife
String
Hole Punch
Cutting Mat or Something Safe Under the Card to Cut On

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Gift Tag Templates

Download, print and cut out the below templates for 3.5" x 2" folded gift cards. Or utlize the cover art for a single tag. Remember to write a message to your teacher on the inside or back.

After you finalize your tag, hole punch or make a small slit in the top center or left corner of the card to add a string and adhere it to your gift.

THANK YOU

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Thank You Cards

Surprise your teacher with a little thank you whenever you are feeling appreciative. Because when you think about it, any time is the right time to express your gratitude.

Thank You Cards

A "Thank you" can go a long way. Following are some Thank You card templates to help you craft the perfect message.

Supportive/Positive Message Cards

Everyone needs encouragement, even your teacher! Give your teacher some positive words for all the helpful things your teacher has done for you.

Insert Photo Template

The old saying is that a picture is worth a thousand words. Sometimes a happy picture can say it all! Our photo template helps you make a picture into a nice little gift.

Gift Card Template

A gift card to a local coffee shop or your teacher's favorite store with a DIY Thank You card could be a fun way to show appreciation.

What You Will Need

Hammermill® Color Copy Digital Cover
Scissors

Optional
Exacto Knife
Cutting Mat or Something Safe Under the Card to Cut On
Markers, Color Pencils, and etc.

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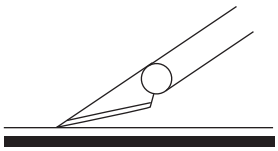
Card and Gift Tag Making Tips

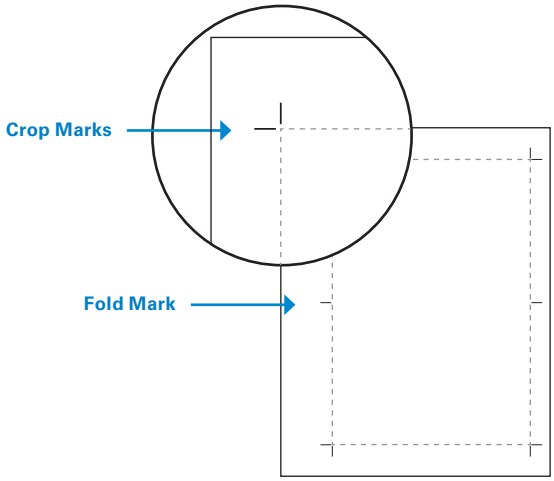
Achieve a Straighter Cut

To get a cleaner straighter cut, use an exacto knife instead of scissors to cut out your chosen card.



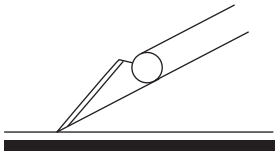
How to Use Crop Marks

If using an exacto knife, align the ruler to the crop marks. Do not cut all the way through the crop marks. Before removing the card cut out from the remaining sheet of paper, cut all edges by rotating the entire sheet while it lays flat.



How to Get a Crisp Fold

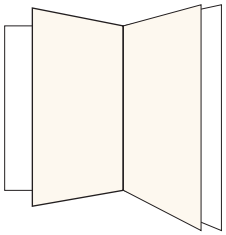
Hold the exacto knife and blade upside down and LIGHTLY trace the fold line using the middle crop mark. Or once folded, press down firmly and trace the fold line with your nail.



Add a Personalized Interior Panel

If adding an interior panel, try using a lighter weight paper. This will help the card lay more flat. To add fun and personality use a color sheet of paper.

You can simply place the folded sheet into the outer shell or attach using staples, string or small drop of glue.



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DIY Teacher Appreciation | Card Template | 4.5" x 6.25"

Print and cut out your card along the crop marks. Fold in half and write your personal message.

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for

listening.
caring.
understanding.
encouraging questions.
motivating me to think.
reassuring concerns.
inspiring dreams.
helping me grow.
teaching.

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DIY Teacher Appreciation | Card Frame Template | 4.5" x 6.25"

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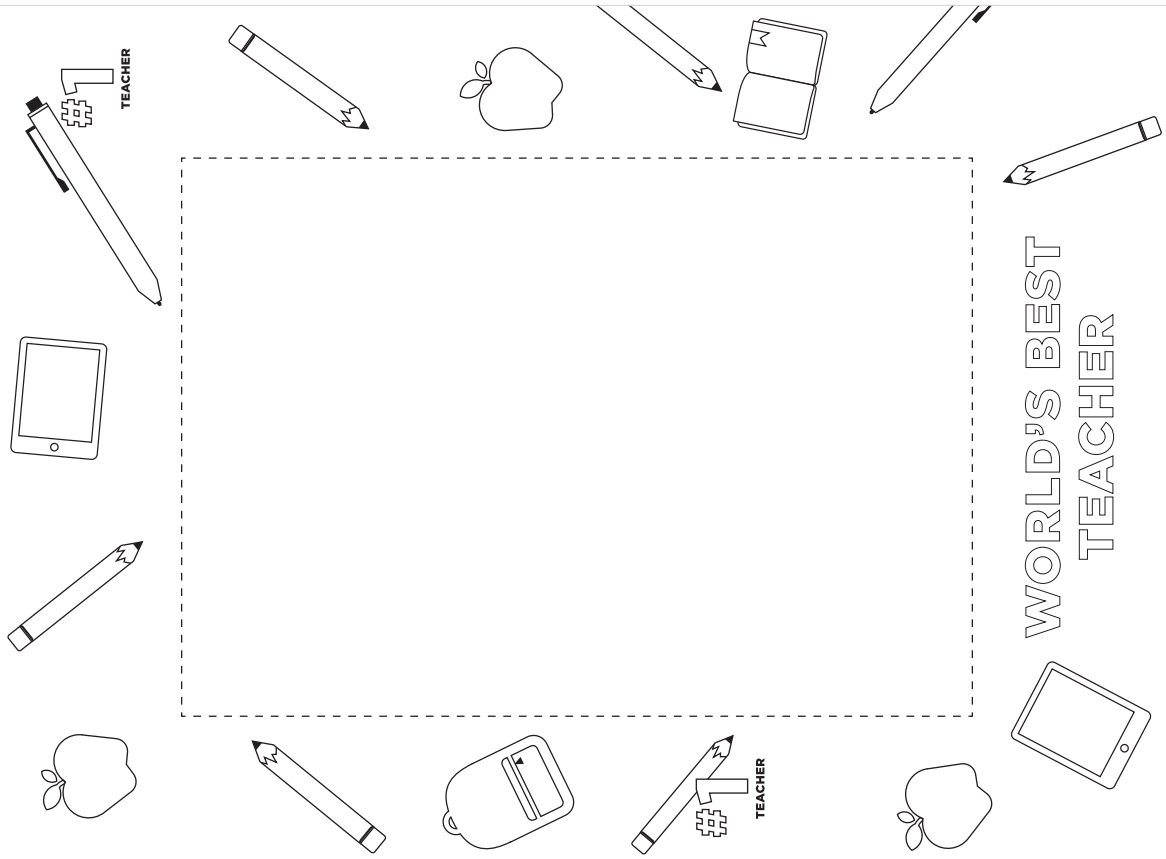

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DIY Teacher Appreciation | Card Gift Card Holder | 4.5" x 6.25"

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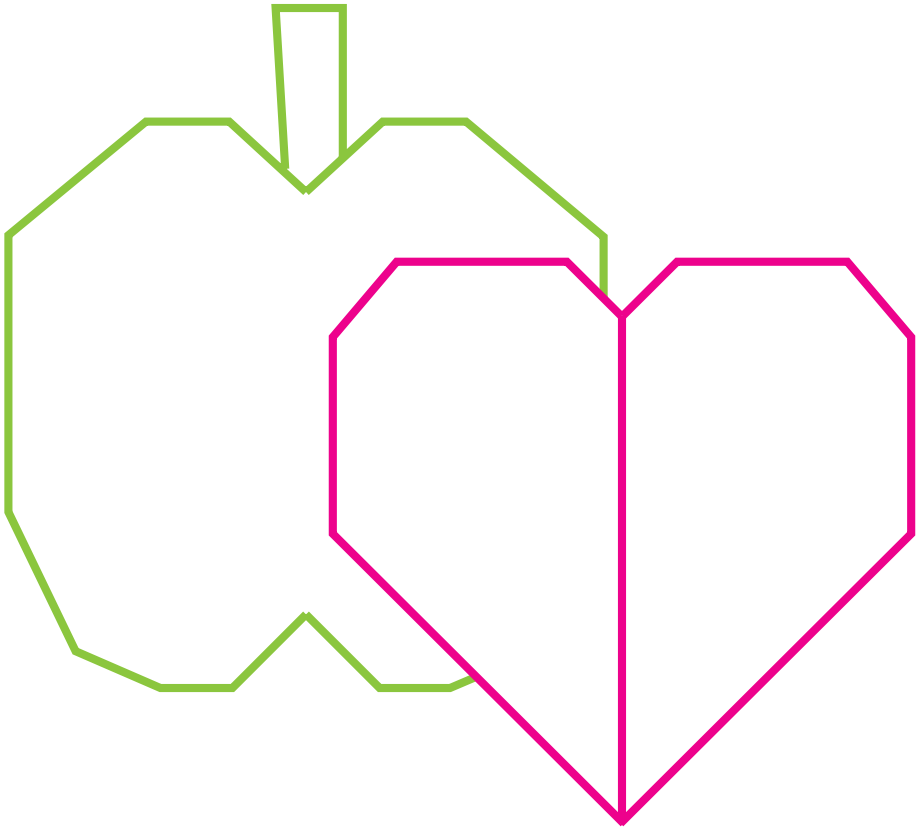
Origami

Sometimes gifts that take a little time are the most touching. Add some fun and thoughtful origami to accompany your card or gift card. Here are the instructions for making a heart and apple.



What You Will Need

Hammermill® Colors or Copy Paper
Scissors
Crayons or Markers
Tape and/or Glue
Optional: Googly Eyes, Glitter, etc.

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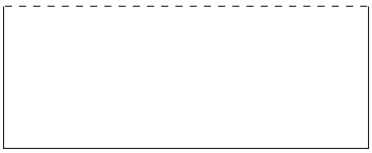
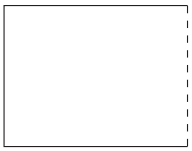
Origami Heart

Nothing shows you care like a heart. You can cut a heart shape out of paper and write a note on it, or if you want to make a big impression, learn how to fold a heart out of a single piece of paper!



1 Fold a sheet of paper in half lengthwise.



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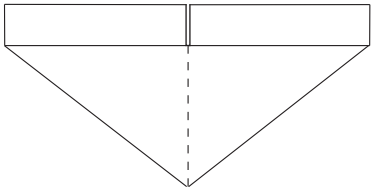
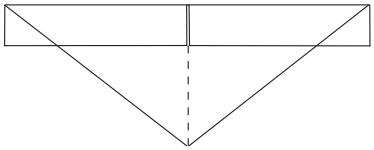
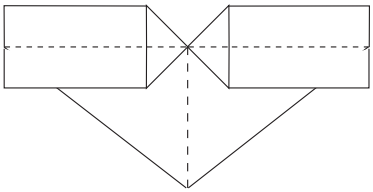


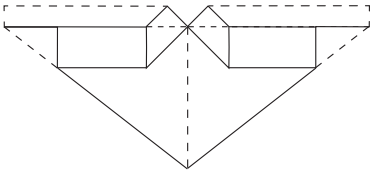
3 Take the left and right outer corners of the creased edge and fold diagonally so both sections meet in the middle. Then flip it over.



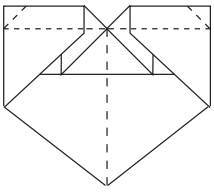
4 Fold the top edge of the rectangular shape, down over the triangular section.



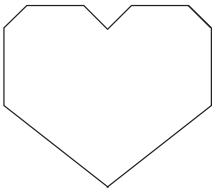
5 Open the flaps of the rectangular shapes. In order for the shapes to lay flat fold down the inner section into a triangular shape.



6 Fold the bottom outer corners of the rectangle up to the center crease of the rectangle. Fold the top edge of the shape down to the center line.



7 On both sides, fold the top outer edge inward to meet at the outer starting point of the heart indentation.



8 Fold the top outer corners inward to create a small triangle shape. Flip it over, and you're finished!

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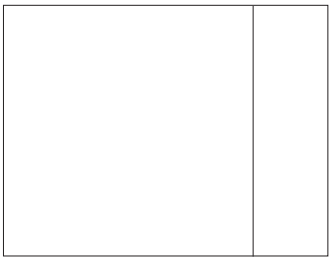
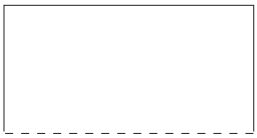
Origami Apple

An update to the classic, spend some time to fold an apple for your teacher. Sometimes gifts that take a little time are the most touching.



1 Cut your letter size paper into a square.



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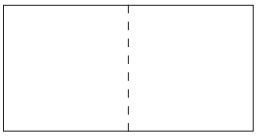
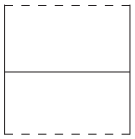
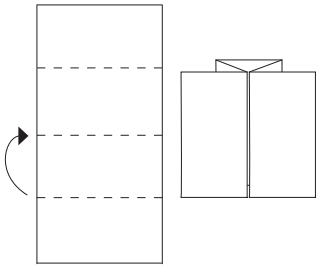


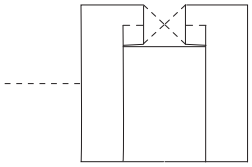
3 Fold the paper in half again, and unfold.



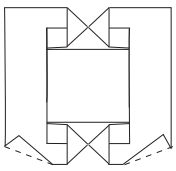
4 Fold the outer edge in so that it meets the center fold line. Repeat on the other end



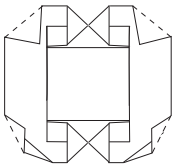
5 Unfold the panels. Fold the panel inward again so this time the center fold of the panel meets the original center fold line.



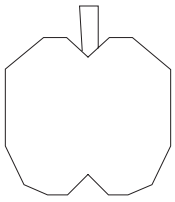
6 Flip the square over so that the center rectangle shape is facing up. Fold the inner rectangle shape inward so that it is roughly halfway to the halfway point. Make sure the back panels fold inward to create a triangle shape with the points touching in the middle. Repeat on the other side.



7 Fold the bottom outer edges in at roughly a 35° angle. Leave a small straight edge area on the interior of the fold



8 Take the bottom folds and make a small triangular fold again. This time at a roughly 45° angle. Also, roughly fold the top outer edges down at a 45° angle.



8 Attach a small cut stem for your apple and attach it to the back of the apple. Flip it over, and you are finished!

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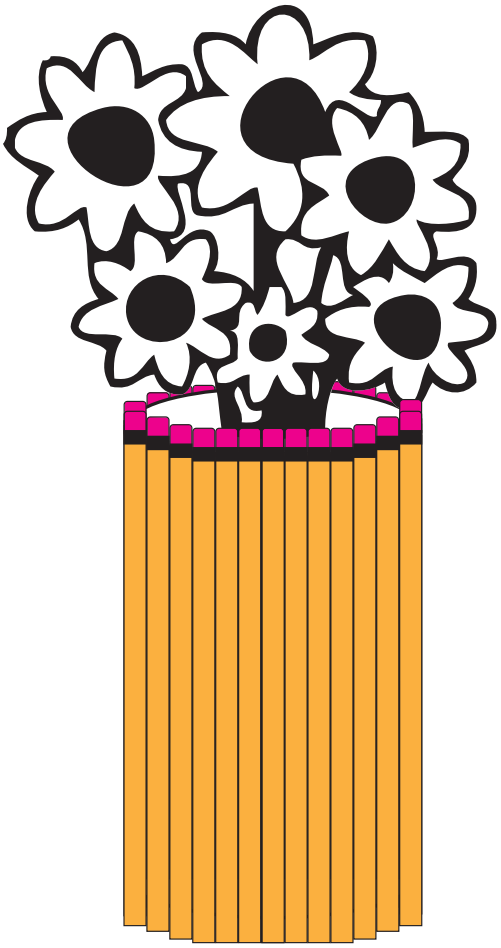
Pencil Vase

A simple vase or pen/pencil holder made out of pencils is a thoughtful little project that your teacher can really use!



What You Will Need

2-3 Packs of Number 2 Pencils
Hot Glue Gun
Open End Empty Container (Coffee Jar/Can, Vase,
Tape and/or Glue

Optional
Ribbon
Rubber Band

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How to Make the Pencil Vase

Step 1
Gather all materials.

Step 2
Decide if you would prefer the pencils to be usable in the future, or not.

If yes, place the rubber band around the container and start adding the pencils around the container so that they are held in place by the rubber band. Align the numbers and writing for a more finished look and make sure the pencils are straight up and down.

To prevent the pencils from shifting choose about 4-5 pencils around the vase. Place a touch of glue towards the top and behind those pencils to glue them to the container. Tie a ribbon over the rubber band to hide the pencils.

If no, simply place at least two larger drops of glue behind the top and bottom of each pencil, and glue them to the container. This will keep them secure to the container. Make sure the pencils are straight up and down and to align the numbers and writing on the pencils for a more finished look. Finish with a ribbon if desired.

Step 3
Fill your container.

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Gift Card Bouquet

A fun template for multiple gift cards. Ask your friends if they want to help you make your teacher happy. Joining together you can each buy a gift card and create a gift card bouquet. The more people who join, the more your teacher will really feel their work is appreciated.

What You Will Need

Hammermill® Color Copy Digital Cover or Colors
Tape and/or Glue
Wooden Cooking Skewers
Holding Container (Small Decorative Pail or Pot)
Filler Material

Optional
Ribbons
Markers, Color Pencils, and etc.

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How to Make a Gift Card Bouquet

Step 1
Gather all materials and gift cards.

Step 2
Begin to attach gift cards to stems (wooden cooking skewers). Paint and color the stems for added fun.

Either attach your gift cards directly to the stems using tape. Or print and create a universal backer to attach the gift cards to. Then attach the backers to the stems. The backers can be a fun shape like a flower. Try using color paper to have different colors and or overlaying color paper on more sturdy cover stock.

Don't forget to make one for your name and thank you!

Step 3
Arrange the stems in the way you think works best. Using a material with some weight attach the skewers to the bottom of the pot or pail. Materials that might work for this include modeling clay or dirt (for more traditional planters).

Step 4
Add special touches and details as desired.

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DIY Teacher Appreciation | Gift Card Bouquet | Template

Print and cut out your template shape for added bouquet fun.

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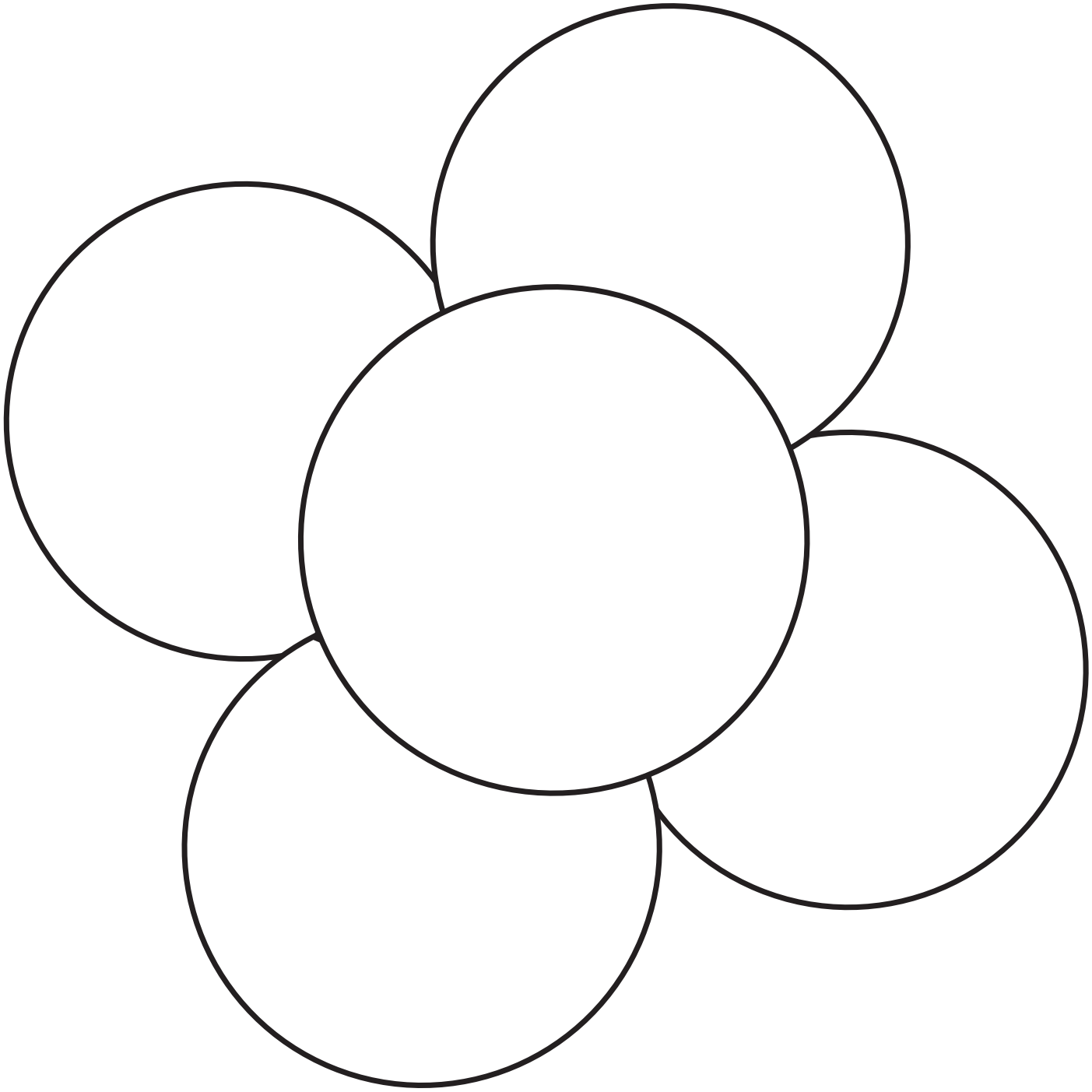

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Teacher Appreciation Ideas

Other Appreciation Ideas

Here are some additional simple DIY projects that you can do to show your teacher that you value what they do.

Bookmark

Most teachers love to read, so a simple gift that can help them is a hand-decorated bookmark.

Scrapbook/Collage Card

Make a nice collage out of photos and scraps of paper to capture your feelings and share them with your teacher. It's a great way to make an artistic gift to show your thanks.

A Simple Classic

A gift doesn't have to be big to make a big impression. Sometimes the simplest things work best. Give your teacher an apple, a pear, an orange or your favorite fruit. Remember, it's the thought that counts!

A Drawing or Photo

Sometimes the most touching gifts are the ones you make yourself.

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