TUESDAY TREASURE

STANDING FLOWERS

Flowers that stand up by the use of simple cardboard bases make interesting favors, party or table decorations, and stage settings. The ones shown on page 168 are made from poster cards and assorted colors of construction or other paper. You will need ruler, scissors, knife, compass, and paste.

Cut the base for the sunflower from a $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of green poster card or other cardboard. Follow the pattern that is given at the left of the page. Cut the slot in the center the exact width of the thickness of the cardboard you are using.

The pattern for the stem and leaves of the flower is given near the upper left-hand corner. Enlarge this half-pattern to $7\frac{1}{2}$ high, following directions on pages 28–29. Fold a piece of thin paper and lay the half-pattern on a piece of paper, with the stem on the fold. Cut out with sharp scissors. Open the paper and trace the whole pattern on a $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ piece of green poster card. Cut out with scissors, and cut a slot in the middle like the one in the other part of the base, but starting from the bottom.

The flower is made from construction paper. Cut a 44" circle of orange paper and draw on it petals such as are shown in the drawing at the right. (Circle C.) You will probably find it wise to use thin paper for a pattern and fold it into twelfths so as to get the petals even. Cut the petals in the orange circle and curl them slightly by pulling between your thumb and the rounded edge of the scissors. Cut a 3" circle from yellow paper and cut in from the edge toward the center with sharp scissors. See circle B. Curl these petals tightly, and paste on the orange circle. Cut from black paper a 14" circle and notch the edge as shown in circle A. Paste the black circle on the yellow one, then paste the whole flower on the green cardboard stem. Insert the slot of the stem in the slot of the base at right angles and your sunflower will stand up bravely.

The designs at the bottom of the page are suggestions for other types of standing flowers for decorative uses. Use any bright colors that are available. You can make the flowers as fanciful as possible, or you can try for more natural effects.



