Look closer!  
Do you see the fountains and the flowers in this painting? List as many as you can find. You can explore the larger image [here](https://example.com). See if you can find columns that are in the shape of a lotus flower - the same flower that is illustrated in the pools!

Did you know?  
Flowers and fountains like the ones in this painting are featured in large-scale ornamental gardens all over the world. Many of these parks, including the one next to the Aga Khan Museum, borrow a famous design called the *chahar bagh* (meaning four gardens). The *chahar bagh* is a Persian and Mughal Indian garden design that is built around rectangular pools or fountains.
Activity:
Let’s design your ideal garden!

Materials:
Paper, pencil, ruler, colouring pencil or crayons

*Imagine* your ideal garden with fountains, pools, and flowers. Would you like your garden to be of a regular or irregular shape? Rectangular, square, or even round?

*Draw* your plan, using your ruler, and mark where you would like to have your pools and fountains and where you would like to plant your flowers. *Add* as many details as you like. You can even draw a bird, bunny, or butterfly that is visiting your garden!

*Colour* your design. You can leave some parts without colours, too, to resemble white flowers or white stones, similar to what you can see in the painting and photo above.

Why not share your design with us by emailing [learn@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:learn@agakhanmuseum.org)

Images: Entertainment in a Palace, India, Faizabad, ca. 1765–1770, opaque watercolour and gold on paper, 50.5 X 69.2 cm, AKM 921; Aga Khan Park and Aga Khan Museum, photo by Janet Kimber