Look Closer: Hands-on Activity

Get Ready for Spring!

Look at this colourful plate. Can you find the tulips on this plate? How many tulips can you find?

Did You Know?

Tulips often have pointy petals with bright colours. These cheerful blooms are planted in gardens to announce the coming spring.

Do you see tulips growing around your neighbourhood?

Why do you think tulips are painted on this plate?

Visit the Aga Khan Museum online collection here, and type ‘tulip’ in the search box to learn more about this plate and other objects showing tulips.

Hands-on Activity

Why not paint your own tulip garden?

All you need is a fork, washable paint, plate, paper, paintbrush, and a blooming imagination!

Pour a small amount of washable paint on your plate. Coat the back of your fork with paint, using your paintbrush. Press the fork to the paper and move it back and forth to transfer all the paint to the paper. Wipe the paint off from your fork and repeat using as many colours as you like. Paint the stems and leaves with your paintbrush. You can even turn your garden into an arrangement by drawing and decorating a vase for your tulips!

Take a photo of your creation and share it with us by emailing, learn@agakhanmuseum.org

Image: Dish. Turkey, Iznik, ca. 1560–80, fritware, underglaze-painted, diameter: 34.3 cm, AKM687