



Naples Botanical Garden

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Let's make lei!!

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Lei giving is part of living in Hawaii. Leis represent the aloha spirit. They are given for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, graduation, weddings, anniversaries, for special guests at meetings, and of course, when tourists arrive or family comes to visit. Presenting someone with a lei represents the admiration, respect and honor given towards the individual.



Men wear
lei too!



Statue of King
Kamehameha
on Lei Day in
Hawaii





We will start by making a plumeria hair ornament

Supplies needed:

- Five plumeria flowers
- A toothpick
- Two bobby pins















Making a Plumeria Lei

Supplies needed:

- Approximately 40-60 plumeria flowers
- Some leaves (optional)
- A Lei needle or other long sturdy needle
- About 4 ft. of dental floss
- A small pair of scissors







By
shortening
some of
the stems
you can
make a
fuller lei



Alternate with leaves



By threading
sideways through
the stems you can
make a very full lei.





A full lei like this requires 300 or more blooms











Leis can be made from any type of flower or even just leaves. Shells, yarn and seeds are also used. Even money!



Fuzzy Yarn Lei







Do not throw your lei in the trash when you are finished using it. Because it was a living thing, place it where it can return to the earth.

