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Take a close look at the structure of plants that you find in your house, garden or park. Be amazed at the detail in the structure of leaves, flowers, roots and stems.

If you don't grow plants, you could look at some vegetables in your fridge or seeds and herbs in your cupboard.

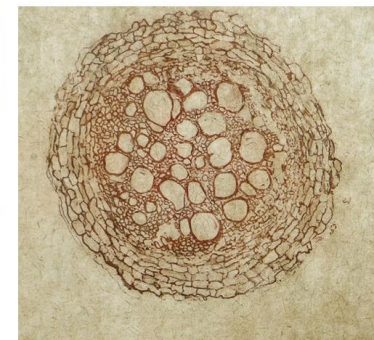
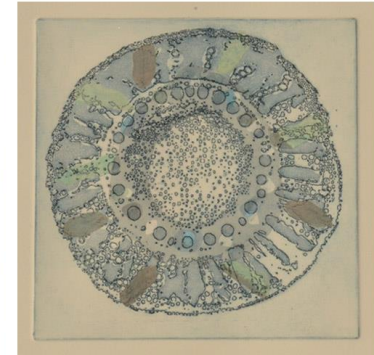
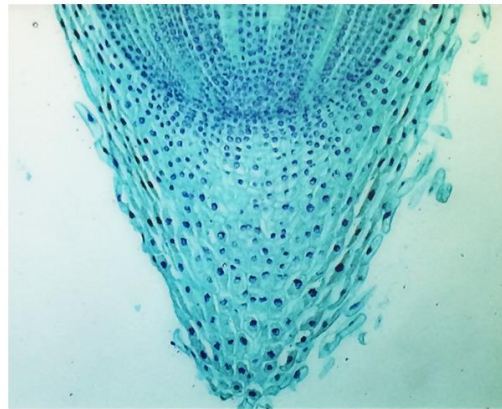
Look at them in detail using a magnifying glass or the camera on phone camera. Look at the structure and the variety of colour, shape and form that you can find.



# Plants as art - Roots

Some artists have used roots as art. Take a look at the work of Jean Duncan The Beauty of roots [www.livingfield.co.uk/people/jean-duncan-artist/the-beauty-of-roots/](http://www.livingfield.co.uk/people/jean-duncan-artist/the-beauty-of-roots/) whose work includes cross sections of roots and small plants and the tips of roots.

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ork by Jean Duncan  
ip seedling, sections of maize (top)  
otato. Beauty of Roots Exhibition,  
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Diana Scherer uses plant roots to make art by manipulating root into such complex patterns. She develops underground geometric templates that the roots grow along and merge with as they grow.

<https://nph.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ppp3.48>

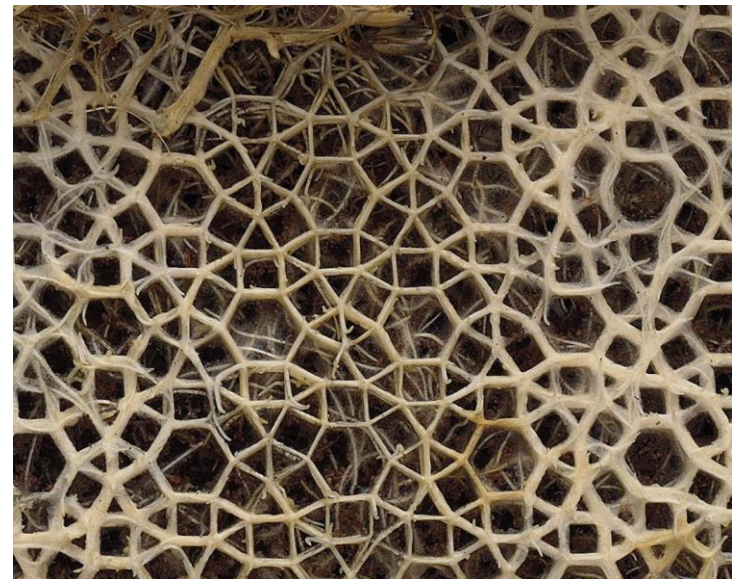
Other artists have also investigated the concept of roots in their art.

[www.lissongallery.com/exhibitions/ai-weiwei-roots](http://www.lissongallery.com/exhibitions/ai-weiwei-roots)

Planting seeds and watch them as they develop. You can grow them on damp paper such as a kitchen roll. You can use seeds from kitchen waste. Take a close look at some roots while you weed the garden.



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Take rubbings of leaves or plants to pick out the detail in their structure. You can use soft pencils or crayons if you have them.

Try pressing some leaves and flowers and using them to create pictures. The Natural History Museum has some great instructions which include a video. [www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-press-flowers.html](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-press-flowers.html)

