Illustration of plants, flowers, and fruits is part of artistic traditions from prehistory to modern times.

Paleolithic representation of a plant scratched on a reindeer horn.

Ancient Egypt: Tomb of Osiris with sacred tamarisk.
Flora, goddess of flowers


Garden painting, Pompeii

Casa del Bracciale d'Oro

Silver cup decorated with olives, House of Menader, Pompeii
Roman Mosaic Border

Giovanni Martini da Udine (1487–1564)

Raphael Sanzio (1483–1520)

Loggia of Cupid and Psyche
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New World Cucurbits, Maize & Beans

Cucurbita maxima  Cucurbita pepo

Phaseolus vulgaris  Zea mays
Caravaggio (1573–1610)

Boy with a Basket of Fruit 1593
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Still Life with a Basket of Fruit, 1603

Still Life with Fruit on a Stone Ledge, 1603
Giovanna Garzoni (1600–1670)
Ceramic Bowl with Pears and Morning Glories

Flowers in a Vase on a Marble Base with two Seashells and Butterflies

Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640)
Flemish Flower Paintings (17th century)

Paulus Theodorus van Brussel, *Fruit and Flowers*

Jacob van Walscappelle, *Flowers in Glass Vase*

Jan Davidsz de Heem
Olive Trees with Yellow Sky and Sun, 1889
Wheat Field with Cypresses at the Haute Galline Near Eygalieres, 1889

Irises 1889, 1890

Pears
Sunflowers, 1888

Still Life with Apples, a Pear, and a Ceramic

Still Life with Tomatoes

Paul Gauguin (1848–1903)
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- Poppy
- Morning Glories
- White Pansy
- Apple blossom
- Calla Lily
- Yellow Calla
- Rose & Larkspur