

# White Trillium

The Northern Wildflower Collection  
by Gina Mohammed



The White Trillium grows in rich woods and thickets, producing a large red seed pod by summer. Blooming from April to June, it is the Provincial Flower of Ontario.

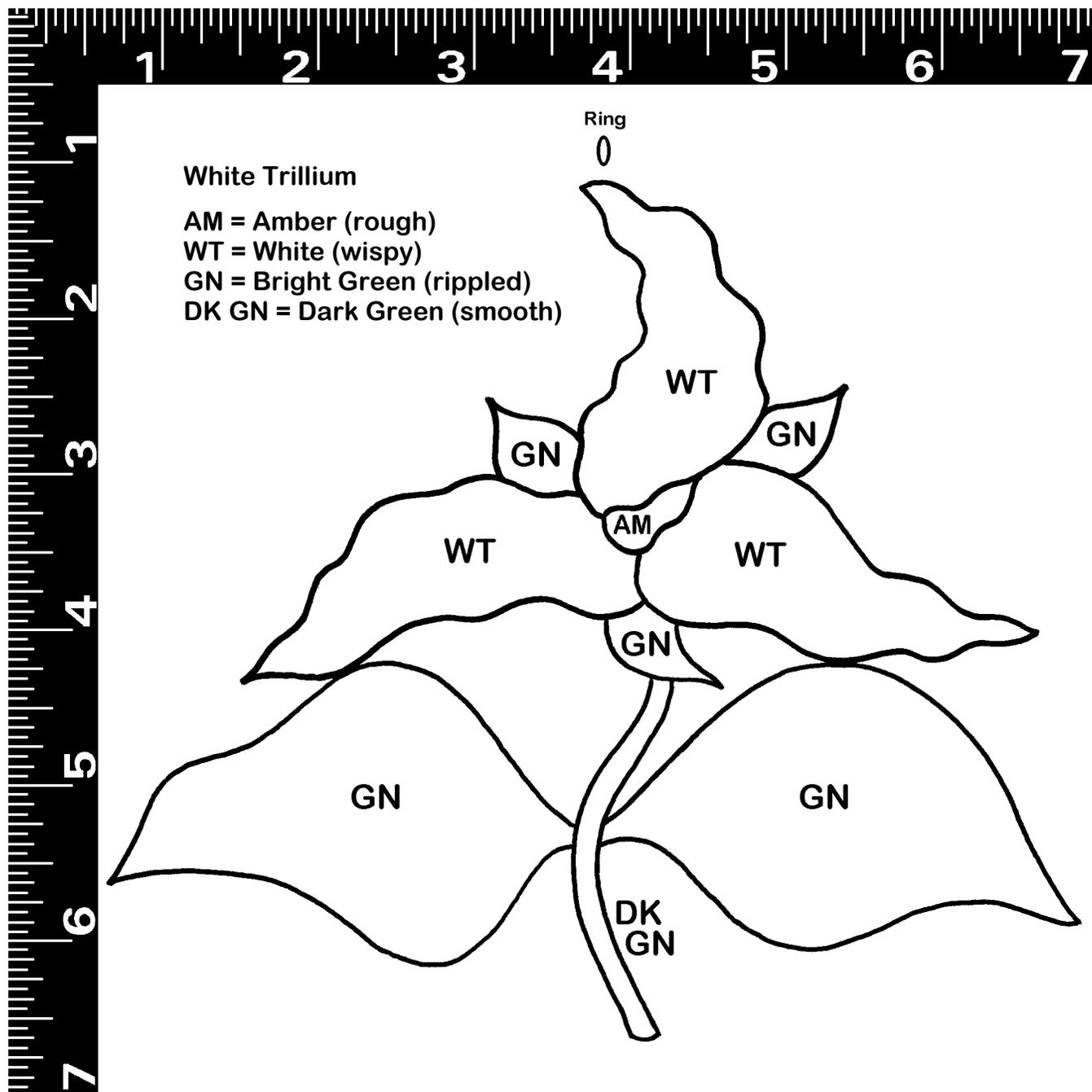
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AM = Amber (rough)  
WT = White (wispy)  
GN = Bright Green (rippled)  
DK GN = Dark Green (smooth)



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## CONSTRUCTION NOTES & SUGGESTIONS

The petals of a White Trillium are striated (grooved and streaked). This feature can be captured by using a streaked or wispy white glass. Just make sure the streaks run along each petal lengthwise (rather than crosswise).

The leaves look especially good when done in a bright rippled green glass. The centre of the flower should be a coarse rough amber glass.

The edges of the leaves should be soldered to the petals to ensure overall stability of the finished flower.

Although our prototype shows the hanging ring attached in a valley, it should be attached along the uppermost curve of the top leaf (near the tip, as indicated in the pattern). This minimizes the stress on the edge by distributing the force evenly in both directions. The ring looks better if it is perpendicular to the glass (as shown in the photograph), but it actually works best if it is flat and parallel to the glass. Don't forget to tin the ring with solder before attaching, and use a circular ring if possible. (If the ring has a split or gap, try to embed it in solder at the attachment point.)

Finish with dark (black) patina.

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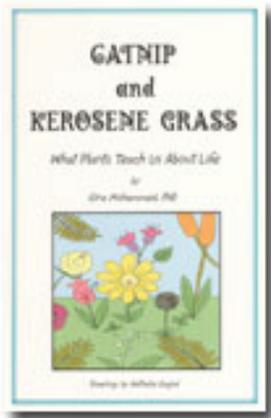
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## Trillium

*Something of value*

**I**n the rich moist woods of east-central North America, there resides a proud and majestic wildflower with three petals of pure white and deep green triangular leaves. The trillium is a lovely sight, honoured in the Province of Ontario as its official flower.

It takes a trillium at least five or six years to produce that flower, and up to fifteen years if conditions are harsh. Having to wait so long for seed, it's not surprising that the trillium takes the business of seed dispersal seriously.

The seeds are spread by ants, and are designed to attract these creatures. The seeds sport a special appendage called an elaiosome, a white oil-containing structure about the same size as the seed. Ants are enthralled by an elaiosome chemical that mimics the blood scent of prey insects. The ants bore holes into the trillium fruit to get at the seeds, which they then spirit away to their nests some distance away. Their larvae feed on the nutritive oil, and the seeds are deposited in the soil where they later germinate. The trillium has used a bit of ingenious trickery, but the ant profits well from it.

Clever devices are often used today to get us to buy something or accept someone's ideas. Sometimes they turn out to be nothing but empty promises. If you wish to win faithful customers, give them something of real value. They will then scatter the seeds that will expand your enterprise.

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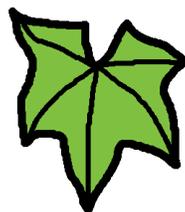
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