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# Kindergarten LWSD Art Docent Project: Perspective Trees

## Element of Art: Space

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**Objective:** To create a forest scene that looks like some parts are further away by: using different size objects, placing them higher or lower on the paper, and overlapping objects.

**Artistic Influence:** Molly Bang



**Element of Art:** Space

**Materials:**

- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Various colors of construction paper
- Newsprint paper (to cover desks)

**Instructions and notes:**

1. Study the illustrations in the PowerPoint beforehand so you can bring some of your own insights and questions about them. It is always a good idea to do a sample of the lesson so you have experienced the process of the project yourself.
2. Slide 2: Have this slide up while students are transitioning and getting ready to begin art.
3. Slide 3: Briefly explain the artistic element of space.
4. Go through the steps in the PowerPoint slide deck.
5. Slide 6-9: Talk to the students about perspective. How we show depth (or real space) on a flat surface. When artwork is on a flat paper, an artist uses techniques to make it seem that some objects are closer to us than others.
6. Slide 10: Explain that in today's project students are going to make a forest scene with different sized trees and people.
7. Distribute parent information page for students to take home, and print an extra page to post on your bulletin board with the finished art. See following page.
8. Please complete the brief [LWSD Art Docent Program Feedback Survey](#) for this lesson.
9. Thank you for supporting our elementary students' visual arts education.

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The goal of this Kindergarten lesson was to create an artwork showing 3-D perspective on a flat surface by using different size objects, placing them higher or lower on the paper, and overlapping objects.

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*Picture This – How Pictures Work, 2016, Molly Bang*

### **WA State Visual Arts Standard**

Create art that represents natural and constructed environments. (VA: Cr2.3.K)

In this art lesson taught by volunteer art docents, kindergarteners learned that space is the area above, below, around, and within an artwork. The illusion of depth or space can be achieved on a flat surface.

The students used colored construction paper to make a forest scene showing perspective, so that some objects (trees and forest people) appear closer than others.

The inspiration for this project was Molly Bang's picturebooks. Bang's Caldecott Award-winning illustrations demonstrate the intentional use of scale and placement to achieve perspective, as well as impact emotion.

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