
Kindergarten LWSD Art Docent Project: Colorful Creatures

Element of Art: Value

Objective: Create a humorous shape creature like those of local artist, Vikram Madan and use different values of one color to paint the creature.

Artistic Influence: Vikram Madan



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Materials:

- Pencil
- Paintbrush
- Tempera paint
- Paper plates
- Water cups
- 12x18 cardstock paper
- Paper towels
- Newsprint paper (for covering desks)

Instructions and notes:

1. Study the paintings 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. Go through the steps in the PowerPoint slide deck.
4. Slide 9: Ask kids to identify different shapes in Madan's creatures. Briefly explain the artistic element of value. With the students, identify parts of the creatures where color gets lighter or darker.
5. Slide 10: Identify shapes and value areas that this student painted: rectangles, half circle, triangle, ovals, etc.
6. Slide 12: After they've written their names, have the students hide their paper under the newsprint paper.
7. Slide 13: Ask students to pick 4 shapes and practice drawing them on the newsprint. Making the body shape bigger than two of their fists and the head shape bigger than one fist.
8. 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.
9. Please complete the brief [LWSD Art Docent Program Feedback Survey](#) for this lesson.
10. Thank you for supporting our elementary students' visual arts education.

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The goal of this Kindergarten lesson was to learn about value and create humorous shape creatures.



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WA State Visual Arts Standard

Explain the process of making art while creating. (VA: Cr3.1.K)

In this art lesson taught by volunteer art docents, kindergarteners learned that value is the lightness and darkness of a line, shape, or form.

The students used one color of tempera paint. They added white or black to the original color to show the difference in value of their creatures' parts.

The inspiration for this project was Vikram Madan (creator of the mural at Redmond Town Center), who has said his works are, "narrative paintings...where the adventure is still taking place." Through his paintings, he hopes to remind viewers that art can be fun. He has written and illustrated books on poetry, sketching, and story starters for children.

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