

Matisse Cut-Outs



Objectives of the Learning Activity: Students will use construction paper to create a collage in the manner of the “Cut-Outs” by Matisse.

Materials:

Fadeless Construction paper in the Matisse colors: magenta, lime green, green, orange, bright yellow, blue.

templates of basic shapes in three different sizes.

pencils

scissors

Crayola glue

Procedure for Learning Activity:

1. Show students pictures of the “Cut-Outs” by Matisse. A you tube video is available showing Matisse actually cutting out a piece of paper.
2. Pass out a base piece of construction paper. Place a assortment of large shape templates on the table. Students will trace a cut three large shapes. each shape a different color.
3. Demonstrate possible ways to arrange the shapes on the paper. Students will first arrange then glue the shapes onto the base paper.
4. Replace the large shapes with medium shapes. Students will trace and cut out five medium shapes. Each a different color.
5. Demonstrate possible ways to arrange the shapes on top of the large shapes.
6. Students will arrange and then glue on the medium shapes.
7. Remove medium shapes and place small shapes on the table. Students will trace five to eight small shapes. Arrange on top of the other shapes and then glue in place.
8. Talk about biomorphic or no-named shapes. Have them find no-named shapes in the “Cut-Outs” by Matisse. Draw a no-named shape on the construction paper, cut it out, arrange it and then glue in place.

Resources for the Learning Activity:

Matisse Cut-Outs

http://www.artsmia.org/education/teacher-resources/fivefacts_d.cfm?p=5&v=75#

On line interactive cut outs

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/creativity/sensory/matisse.html>

There's an app for it

MoMA Art Lab lets you cut out the shapes and create a digital "Cut-Out."