

Resource Guide

Vincent Van Gogh

1853 – 1890

Netherlands

Characteristics:

Liked to paint flowers, portraits, self-portraits, wheat fields, and landscapes.

Swirls and curls: practice making swirls and curls on paper.

Starry Night Coloring Page

<http://www.supercoloring.com/pages/starry-night-by-vincent-van-gogh/>

Coffee Filter Sunflowers

<http://www.startwithabook.org/>

<http://afaithfulattempt.blogspot.com/2011/09/coffee-filter-sunflowers.html>

<http://mommasfunworld.blogspot.com/2012/07/coffee-filter-sunflower-learning-craft.html>

Paul Cezanne

1839-1906

France

Characteristics:

Like to paint still lifes and landscapes

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Still Life Fruit Prints

<http://life.paperblog.com/explore-art-cezanne-inspire-fruit-still-life-68649/>

Charles Green Shaw

1892-1974

New York

Characteristics:

Abstract painter

Experimented with many different styles

Shaving Cream Puff Paint

<http://ourcraftsnthings.com/2009/06/moon/>

Fra Giovanni Angelico

1395-1455

Italy

Characteristics:

Religious subjects

Used gold leaf

Richly colored clothing

Aluminum Foil Art

http://www.dltk-teach.com/books/rainbowfish/rainbow_fish_craft.htm
<http://preschool2prek.blogspot.com/2009/06/book-of-week-rainbow-fish-activities.html>
<http://preschool2prek.blogspot.com/2009/06/book-of-week-rainbow-fish-activities.html>
<http://picklebums.com/2011/08/30/easy-art-for-kids-painting-on-foil/>

Tip: If painting on aluminum foil add a bit of dishwashing soap to your paint. This will help the paint stick to the foil and not flake off when it dries.

C.M. Russell

1864-1926

Missouri

Characteristics:

Wild West Setting

Cowboys and Indians

Big Sky

Sunset Silhouette

<http://littleartmonkeys.com/Projects/Paintings/Silhouette/Silhouette.php>

Henri Matisse

1869-1954

France

Characteristics:

Bright, joyful paper collages

Simple Shapes

Simple contrasting colors used to express ideas and emotions

Blue: truth or heaven

Orange: love or gentleness

Red: excitement or fire

Green: growth or change

Story Collage

<http://www.storyboardtoys.com/gallery/Claire.htm>

<http://artlessonsforkids.me/2010/03/14/matisse-inspired-collages-in-grade-three/>

<http://www.creativeartlessons.com/2011/10/this-was-project-i-did-with-my-3rd.html>

Alexander Calder

1898-1976

Pennsylvania

Characteristics:

Originated the "mobile," or "art that moves"

Because it moved, the artwork constantly changed

Created art from scraps and junk

Standing Mobile

<http://www.houseofbabypiranha.com/2011/04/pipe-cleaner-sculpture.html>

<http://thefantasticfive-hockmana.blogspot.com/2011/03/st-pattys-day-palooza.html>

<http://www.teachingstars.com/2012/07/19/adventures-in-art-alexander-calder/>

Georges Braque

1882-1963

France

Characteristics:

Used square shapes

Used paper with words printed on it

Used combination of drawing and collage

Cubist or Mixed Media Collage

<http://4pam.wordpress.com/2011/11/09/cubism-for-kids/>

<http://therese-joseph.blogspot.com/2011/05/mixed-media-for-kids-class-2-collage.html>

Hans Arp

1886-1966

Germany

Characteristics:

Dadaist and Surrealist

Artistic Law of Chance

Used torn paper collages

Muse of Chance Collage

<http://jplwestkids.blogspot.com/2011/04/somuchfun.html>

<http://keepingupwithmyjoneses.blogspot.com/2011/06/explore-art-project-learning-primary.html>

Jackson Pollock

1912-1956

Wyoming

Characteristics:

Action painting—his entire body involved with the motion

Sometimes added his handprints or pieces of his own possessions

Splatter paint

<http://wholesomemommy.com/kids-can-paint-like-jackson-pollock-splatter-paint/>

<http://www.thepickyapple.com/blog/2010/06/17/splatter-paint/>

Joan Miró (Zshu-am)

1893-1983

Spain

Characteristics:

Surrealist

Shapes connected by lines

Blocks of color

“The simplest things give me ideas.”

Color Block Painting

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2012/05/creating-miro-inspired-art-using.html>

<http://www.deepspacesparkle.com/2009/05/26/joan-miro-art-project/>

Wassily Kandinsky

1866-1944

Russia

Characteristics:

Wanted his art to evoke imagination and emotional response like music

Used geometric shapes

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Circle Art

Painting: <http://www.deepspacesparkle.com/2009/01/13/kandinsky-art-lesson-for-kindergartners/>

Cut Paper Collage: <http://kidsartmarket.blogspot.com/2010/02/kandinsky-circles.html>

Jasper Johns

1930-present

Georgia

Characteristics:

Uses the American flag, targets, numbers, and letters, and crosshatches

"My experience of life is that it's very fragmented; certain kinds of things happen, and in another place, a different kind of thing occurs. I would like my work to have some vivid indication of those differences."

Letter Collage

<http://tinkerlab.com/2012/05/inspired-by-jasper-johns/>

Eric Carle

1929-present

New York

Characteristics:

Painted paper collages

Bright colors

Animals

Tissue Paper Art

Instructional Video: http://www.pacon.com/paper_products/tissue_crepe/spectra_arttissue.php

Patricia Van Dalen

1955-Present

Venezuela

Characteristics:

Overlapping geometric shapes

Bright colors

Rectangle Collage

Have children cut or tear rectangular shapes from different types of construction paper. Arrange in a collage on paper.

<http://www.preschoolplaybook.com/2011/02/rounding-up-our-rectangle.html>

Ashley Bryan

1923-present

New York

Characteristics:

Colorful collage

White outlines

Exploring Collage

http://www.carlemuseum.org/Resources/Activities/Exploring_Collage

<http://nccil.org/experience/artactivities/bryana/index.htm>

Georgia O'Keeffe

1887 –1986

Wisconsin

Characteristics:

Painted abstracts and natural subjects like flowers, bones, rocks, and landscapes.

Many subjects are painted from a very close range and fill the canvas.

Appreciated precision, clean lines and elegant simplicity.

“When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it’s your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else.”

Torn paper flowers:

http://kizenman.blogspot.com/2011_03_01_archive.html

Flowers the fill the page:

<http://www.artforsmallhands.com/2009/09/in-style-of-georgia-okeeffe.html>

Seashell Drawings (Guide from the National Gallery of Art)

http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&frm=1&source=web&cd=4&ved=0CDsQFjAD&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nga.gov%2Fkids%2Fscoop-okeeffe.pdf&ei=48RAUKrUApTg8ATb7oDgAg&usg=AFQjCNFKsuAg-74E0_vTL3bXCE9xD5QT2A&sig2= ZZswZTdsaoCO2Ji8kllqw

Gustav Klimt

1862 -1918

Austria

Characteristics:

Used gold leaf in paintings

Depicted clothing and costumes

Used mosaic patterns

Echoed Byzantine art

Metallic Tree of Life Painting

<http://msjuliesartschool.blogspot.com/2008/08/sitting-under-tree-with-gustav-not-k-i.html#!/2008/08/sitting-under-tree-with-gustav-not-k-i.html>

Jeweled Tree of life Painting

<http://ourartlately.blogspot.com/2010/12/gustav-klimts-tree-of-life.html>

Collaged Klimt Art (site is in French, but there are many pictures)

<http://unpolsimdesal.blogspot.com.es/search/label/Gustav%20Klimt>

Be an Artist

Henri Toulouse-Lautrec

1864-1901

France

Characteristics:

Much of Toulouse-Lautrec's work portrayed the dancers, performers and patrons of Paris nightlife that wanted to advertise their events. Henri liked painting pictures of theaters, dance halls, and circuses and was excellent at showing people's moods. Sometimes he would cut off people or things in surprising way to attract people to his artwork.

Inspired by Japanese prints—didn't use shadows

The silhouettes were usually yellow, orange and black and could be easily seen from quite a distance.

The background was often left vague, or just suggested. Words and text were carefully designed to fit the general style of posters.

Poster Design

Have kids think about:

- How large they need to make their writing for people to see it.
- How large are the pictures compared to the writing.
- Make their pictures fill the page

Pierre-Auguste Renoir

1841–1919

France

Characteristics: People, everyday
life scenes visible brushstrokes,
light and bright colors

How to Draw a Face

<http://www.wikihow.com/Draw-a-Face>

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Paint a Still Life

http://www.mykidsart.com.au/My_Kids_Art_Still_Life_Fruit_by_Keia_Still_Life_Gallery_1.html

<http://life.paperblog.com/explore-art-cezanne-inspire-fruit-still-life-68649/>

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/still-life-artists>

Paul Gauguin

1848 –1903

France

Characteristics: Bright, flat colors outlined in black

Unnatural colors

Tropical scenes

Armchair Explorer

Assign each child one word from each category and have them create a picture based on those words.

Feeling: Lonely, cunning, happy, merry, playful, energetic, courageous, peaceful, quiet, serene, nosy, noisy, curious, anxious, bold, daring, hardy, hostile, bitter, ashamed, guilty, miserable, sulky, shy, lost, tense, tired, empty, despair, woeful, pathetic, tragic, dull, weary, bored, cold, scared, nervous, worried, timid, restless, wary, tormented, pained, heartbroken, appalled, alienated, wronged, tearful, sad, sorrowful, desolate, desperate, mournful

Person: Dancer, artist, worker, climber, walker, jumper, singer, mother, father, child, old man, old woman, swimmer, digger, baker, librarian, soldier, miser, man, woman, girl, boy, hero, villain, dreamer, rascal, fighter, rider, thief, priest, spy, aristocrat, barbarian, runner, waitress, builder, bride, player, athlete, pirate, astronaut, cop, clown, watcher, miner, detective, scholar, friend, enemy, watcher, traveler, guardian, mentor, student, family, gardener, farmer, poet, outlaw, wanderer, warrior

Adjective: Swift, Sluggish, creeping, Stunning, Delicate, starry, Hideous, Dreadful, Ghastly, Menacing, Spoiled, Wild, Vile, Ridiculous, Gentle, Quiet, Amusing, Generous, Lively, Dynamite, Dreadful, Filthy, Blithe, Mysterious, Bucolic, Brazen, Subtle, Shining, Crispy, Soaring, Endless, Sparkling, Fluttering, Spiky, Scrumptious, Eternal, Slimy, Slick, Gilded, Ancient, Smelly, Glowing, Rotten, Decrepit, Lousy, Grimy, Rusty, Sloppy, Muffled, Foul, Rancid, Fetid, Small, Itty-bitty, Tiny, Puny, Miniscule, Monstrous, Immense, Tremendous, Enormous, Vast, Hulking, Bulky, Sweltering, Sizzling, Stifling, Sultry, Oppressive, Icy, Frosty Bitter, Tranquil, Grave, foggy, starry

Setting: Dawn, Morning, Noon, Afternoon, Evening, Night, Twilight, Airport, Amusement park, Bakery, Ball park, Barbershop, Beach, Cabin, Café, Cathedral, Grave, Cemetery, Church, boat, Farm, Greenhouse, House, school, Hospital, Inn, Jail, Junkyard, Library, Monastery, Museum, Park, Restaurant, Stadium, temple, Theater, Mountain, lake, river, ocean, sky, pit, canyon, forest, clearing, desert, jungle, meadow, plain, savannah, swamp, hill, lunch, breakfast, dinner, room, garden, seaside, cliff, valley, attic, road, Barn, bridge, path, castle, cave, cellar, island, market, street, playground, stream

Jan van Eyck

c. 1395 – 1441

Italy

Characteristics:

Very realistic objects

Very detailed

Still, yet energetic scenes

Triptych Panel

<http://artcabin.wordpress.com/page/2/#>

Sandro Botticelli

1445 – 1510

Italy

Characteristics:

Religious and mythological scenes

Paintings evoked the past

Importance on the human figure rather than the space

Art in the Round

http://recyclegirl-ren.blogspot.com/2011_08_01_archive.html

<http://www.booksicals.com/craft-for-kids-home/make-your-own-fish-bowl-with-your-own-pet-fish>

Michelangelo

1475 -1564

Italy

Characteristics:

Master of perspective

Focused on human subjects

Realistic or idealized

Lie Down Painting

<http://www.tableof4please.com/2010/01/michelangelo-homeschool-art-lesson.html>

http://youdontseethateveryday-jules.blogspot.com/2012_02_01_archive.html

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Painting Music

<http://www.wetcanvas.com/ArtSchool/Toolbox/RespondingMusic/>

Piet Mondrian

1872 – 1944

The Netherlands

Characteristics:

Straight, Black lines

Blocks of primary colors

Lots of white space

Straight Line Drawing

<http://sarahlipoff.com/2010/10/30/mondrian-art-activity-for-kids/>

<http://www.theimaginationtree.com/2012/05/inspired-by-mondrian-art-for-kids.html>

Joseph Stella

1877 - 1946

Italy

Characteristics:

Sweeping lines

Architecture

Geometric

Mixed Media Lines

<http://www.lessonthis.com/art/joseph-stella-line-designs/>

Pablo Picasso

Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso

1881 - 1973

Spain

Characteristics of Blue Period:

monochromatic paintings in shades of blue and blue-green, only occasionally warmed by other colors.

Solitary figures dominate his Blue Period works.

Themes of loneliness, poverty and despair pervade the works as well.

One Color Painting

<http://www.artprojectsforkids.org/2008/03/tinted-and-shaded-self-portrait.html>

<http://learningadventuresdaycare.blogspot.com/2011/02/picasso-blue-period-crafts.html>

Picasso Coloring Sheet

https://www.google.com/webhp?hl=en&tab=mw#hl=en&safe=active&sclient=psy-ab&q=picasso+coloring+sheet&oq=picasso+coloring+sheet&gs_l=hp.3..0j0i30j0i5j0i5i30.217.3255.0.3459.22.16.0.1.1.0.1047.6028.0j6j4j0j1j3j1j1.16.0...0.0...1c.DLBQQ3Wsxr4&pbx=1&fp=1&biw=1280&bih=878&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.r_cp.r_qf.&cad=b

Cubism

- The art of creating abstract shapes of three dimensional objects on a two dimensional surface.
- Represents an object in multiple planes.
- Basically shows more than one view at a time.
- Painting appears in the form of little cubes.
- An artist uses the style of little cubes to depict an object or a person from different views.
- Simplified geometric shapes.
- Broken mirror effect.

Fractured Friend

<http://livinglifeintentionally.blogspot.com/2011/10/picasso.html>

<http://schoolinkajamas.blogspot.com/>

Marcel Duchamp

1887 –1968

France

Characteristics:

Dada: absurd art meant to shock the art community

Tried new things that had not been tried before

“happy accidents”

Happy Accident String Drop

<http://asfsonline.org/PTA/art/curriculum/grade4/projectguides/duchamp.html>

http://childrenskickstart.com/?page_id=373

Salvadore Dali

1904 –1989

Spain

Characteristics:

Surrealist: the unexpected and the unbelievable could happen in art

Gravity does not apply and anything can happen

“Hand-painted dream photographs”

Dream Photograph

<http://schoolinkajamas.blogspot.com/>

Have children cut out pictures from magazines. Choose a few images and glue them to a piece of paper.

Have them draw the rest of the figures and the setting.

Faith Ringgold

1930-present

New York

Characteristics:

Has used fabric in many of her artworks. She is especially well known for her painted story quilts which blur the line between "high art" and "craft" by combining painting, quilted fabric, and storytelling.

Modeled her "story quilts" on the Buddhist Thangkas, lovely pictures painted on fabric and quilted or brocaded, which could then be easily rolled up and transported.

Mixed media

Themes of race, gender, and class

Quilted Work

<http://www.artprojectsforkids.org/2010/01/faith-ringgold-flag-story-quilt.html>

<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/elem/TarBeach.html>

<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/middle/Lotte-Stamp.htm>

Yayoi Kusama

1929-present

Japan

Characteristics:

Covers surfaces with the polka dots.

The vast fields of polka dots, or "infinity nets," as she called them, were taken directly from her hallucinations.

Bright, bold colors

Circular shapes

Dot Art

- Put large bulletin board paper on the wall and give kids markers or stickers to create their own work.
- Play with Do-a-Dot paint
- Give kids white balloons and multi-colored dot stickers. Place the balloons around the room to create your own "installation." Take pictures for posterity.

Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian

1924-Present

Iran

Characteristics:

Mosaic

Reflective surfaces

Geometric patterns

"Aneyneh Kari" is the traditional art of cutting mirrors into small pieces and slivers, placing them in decorative shapes over plaster. This form of Iranian reverse glass and mirror mosaics is a craft traditionally passed on from father to son, however Farmanfarmaian was the first contemporary artist to reinvent the traditional medium in a contemporary way.

Geometric Designs

<http://artlessonsforkids.me/2009/10/21/geometric-designs-in-grade-five/>

Geometric coloring pages

<http://www.squidoo.com/geometric-coloring-pages2>

Jacob Lawrence

New Jersey

1917-2000

Characteristics:

Story art

Vibrant colors with dark shadows and outlines

Story Collages

<http://lafayetteartwithlaurie.blogspot.com/2012/04/sending-home-masterpieces.html>

Have children create a cut-paper collage that depicts a scene from a story.

Dwayne Wilcox

South Dakota, Oglala Lakota

Characteristics:

Ledger Art

First created by Native American prisoners of war

Uses traditional Native American imagery in modern settings

Ledger Art

Pass out ledger paper, preferably old and used ledger paper, or old catalog cards for the children to create artwork on.

Anselmo Piccoli

1915 -1992

Argentina

Characteristics:

Geometry

Abstract art

Grid Art

Draw a grid.

Draw a picture that covers the whole grid, but lift your pencil as you move into each box in the grid.

Consider coloring each box slightly different colors.

Or...Draw a large picture on a grid on poster board or bulletin board paper. Have each child color a different section of the grid.

Ezra Jack Keats

1916 –1983

New York

Characteristics:

Paint and collage mixed media

Children in their everyday lives

Watercolor Collage

Have the children paint a background in watercolors and glue collage pieces onto it to create a scene from their daily lives.