

Summer 2020 Lesson

Class: Visual Art

Grade Band: 6-8

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Lesson: Scavenger Hunt Still Life

Objective: Scavenger hunt still life- Pick two complementary colors and gather 3-5 objects from home that are those colors. Arrange the objects into a still life and draw them using the demonstrated marker techniques.

Materials: Paper, pencil, eraser markers, 3-5 objects

Vocabulary: Complementary colors, still life, wash

Process:

You're on a scavenger hunt for objects to draw! First pick a set of complementary colors. These are colors that are opposite from each other on the color wheel. Choose from: red and green, orange and blue, or yellow and violet.

Now find three to five objects that are complementary colors and arrange them in a cluster on a table or desk. The objects you choose and how you arrange them will tell a story to your viewer. Use your pencil to begin lightly drawing the basic shapes of the objects. Connect the lightly drawn basic shapes with solid lines to create outlines and show the details of the objects.

Take your lightest complementary color and outline the spaces in your composition that are that color. Outline the spaces with your darker complementary color next. Take your watercolor brush and sweep a thin coat of water in the outlined spaces of your lightest complementary color, creating a wash of color. Clean your brush and add a thin coat of water to the darker complementary color. This light watercolor effect is called a wash. Be sure not to use too much water on your brush.

Let the water dry and use your markers to add in any extra colors your composition might need. Add details and outline your drawing in a dark color.