

Summer 2020 Lesson

Class: Visual Art

Grade Band: 6-8

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Lesson: Still Life Mandala

Objective: Still Life Mandala: Gather multiples of objects from around home and arrange them into a mandala. Draw the objects how you arranged them and add patterns and shapes to fill in the mandala.

Materials: Paper, pencil, eraser markers, items from your surroundings

Vocabulary: Mandala, symmetry, pattern, still life

Process:

Gather objects from your surroundings that are available in pairs or multiples. For example, a handful of popcorn, six cans of the same soda, fruit, leaves, flowers, bracelets, paper clips, etc. Arrange the objects in a circle that creates radial symmetry. Start with a central object and add objects around it. For each object you add, you will add another object like it on the opposite side of the circle to create symmetry. For example, if you start with an apple in the center, add flowers to the left and right of it then add paper clips at the top and bottom. Keep adding objects around your central object until you have completed your mandala.

When your mandala is complete, draw a picture of it. Have a clipboard ready to use as a drawing board if you need to stand over your still life mandala to draw it. Start by drawing the simple shape of the central object in the middle of your paper. Continue drawing the simple shapes of all the objects until you have completed your mandala. Now use your markers to fill it in and add additional patterns and details.