



PEF Summer, *At Home Edition* – Lesson Plan

Class: Visual Art	Grade Band: 6 - 8
Teacher: Ms. Flores	Lesson: Marker Methods Paper Flower Wreath
Objective: Use markers in new ways as you craft a paper flower wreath inspired by Claude Monet.	Materials: 5-7 sheets of paper, pencil, eraser, markers, glue stick, scissors. Optional: paper towels, small paint brush, spray bottle with water
<p>Process:</p> <p>Fold an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper in half. Trace half a large circle with the edges touching the folded part of the paper. Trace a smaller half circle inside the larger circle with the edges touching the folded part of the paper. Leaving your paper folded follow the lines and cut out the shapes. When you open your paper you will have a big 'O'-shape. This is the base of your wreath. Use a marker to color in your wreath.</p> <p>You will make the flowers for your wreath by experimenting with different ways to use markers. For your first flower, take a paper towel and fold it up into a long narrow rectangle. Choose 2 to 3 colors for your flower and starting with the lightest color place the wide side of the marker down and begin creating patches of color on your folded paper towel. Press hard in some spots so the color soaks into the towel.</p> <p>Repeat the process with your medium and dark colors until most of the paper towel is covered with color. Take a spray bottle or lightly sprinkle some water over the paper towel. This will cause the colors to bleed into one another. Let the color soak in for about a minute and then unfold your paper towel and set aside to dry.</p> <p>Do one or two more paper towels with this process in different colors and set them aside to dry. While your paper towels are drying, take a sheet of paper and experiment with the kinds of marks you can make with the markers. Use the pointed side of your marker for thin lines and dots and lay the marker flat for wider marks of color. Cover 2 to 3 sheets of paper in your experimental marks using 2 to 3 different colors on each paper.</p> <p>Cut the paper and paper towels for your flowers into strips. Cut some strips thin and others medium and wide. Leave some strips long but cut others in halves and thirds. Place a quarter sized smudge of glue stick on your wreath and lay the strips out around it, kind of like sun rays extending out of the sun. Add another smudge of glue stick on top of your placed strips and fold the strips inward to the center of the circle. This will create your first flower.</p> <p>Keep making flowers and experimenting with mark making until your wreath is full, about 6 to 10 flowers. Hang the wreath up at home or gift it to someone who will appreciate it. Enjoy!</p>	
Vocabulary: monochromatic colors, collage, cross hatching	

