

University of Rhode Island 4-H

A Week of Art



What

A week of art discovery. Increase your art skills and literacy by learning about art terminology, history, and styles. Art is an important part of everyday communication.

Why

Color and images are used: in advertisements, to get people's attention, to express ideas, to make people feel emotions and elicit actions or responses. Understanding visual art can increase your communication skills and your ability to express ideas and feelings!

How

We have compiled 15 activities. Do 1 or all. Look at the list of related careers and research a career that might interest you.

Extra

Check out more lessons and opportunities on the 4H Homepage uri.edu/4h

Photo/Film



Architecture



Textiles



Fine Arts



Publishing



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Architecture - Famous Structures

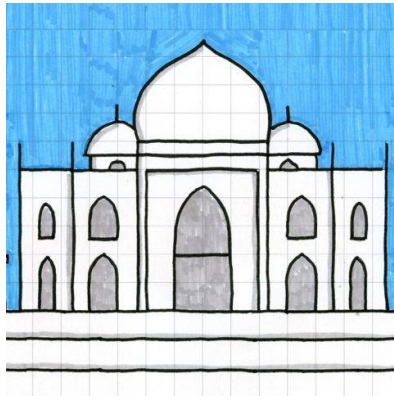
3D

Create your version of a famous structure by gluing layers of foam core board or cardboard. Elmers Glue, board or foam and Exacto knife or scissors.



Drawing

Use pencil, crayons, markers or paint to show a famous structure. Make it colorful and include some background colors.



Virtual

Create your version of a famous structure using Minecraft! Make the front (facade) or all of it.



Goal

Appreciate and see the beauty in design in structures all around us.

Careers

Architect, Interior Designer, Urban Planner, Prop Design, Landscape Architect, Industrial Designer, Engineer, Drafter, Stage Designer, Set Decorator

Publishing - Super Heroes

Comic

Make a comic or storyboard about your own superhero. Try to create at least 4 squares or frames showing your superhero using their powers. You can draw it or use a digital program.



Illustrator

Illustrations are used in medical, scientific, fiction, and childrens books to name a few. Make an illustration for one of your favorite books. Create a drawing illustration for just one moment in the book.

Graphic Design

Create a logo for your family. What do famous logos have in common? Think about color, lines and simplicity. Design a logo so it could be used on business cards, letterhead, t-shirts.



Goal

Draw a superhero. Person, animal... Learn about comic books and commercial art.

Careers

Illustrator, Storyboard artist, art director, graphic designer or web designer.



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Textiles – Weaving

Basket

Weave a useful basket out of recycled newspaper. You only need newspaper, tape and scissors and you can paint it in the end.
Lesson HERE.



Llama Blanket

Learn to weave by making a blanket for a cardboard Llama. You need markers, cardboard tape and yarn. **Pattern and lesson here.**



Paper Placemat

Weave a paper placemat. You will only need paper, scissors and tape.
Lesson plan here.



Goal

Learn about one of the oldest artforms weaving.

Careers

Fashion Designer, Jewelry Designer, Fashion Buyer, Stylist, Fiber Artist, Costume Designer, Textile Artesian

<http://www.pinkstripeysocks.com/2020/05/how-to-weave-yarn-cardboard-llama-kids-craft.html>

<http://howaboutorange.blogspot.com/2009/06/newspaper-basket.html>

Fine Arts – Art Styles

Drawing

Tape pencil to the end of a broom or long stick. Tape a paper to the floor. Try to draw a chair from a distance. This teaches you to get the shapes first not the details.



Reproduction

Artists learn by studying art. Copy a famous art piece + put your spin on it. Example title: "Copy of Mona Lisa by Da Vinci."



Styles

Read the Favorite thing's art lesson. Follow the lesson and complete a work in paint, marker or crayon.



Goal

Learn about different art styles and movements.

Careers

Art Historian, Art Teacher, Studio Owner, Gallery Curator, Museum Educator, Fine Artist, Art Critic, conservationist, Publishing, Docent, Art Dealer



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Fine Arts – Photography

Black & White

Monochrome (Black and white) photography is harder than it looks. You have to pay great attention to composition and light. Google Ansel Adams and Henri Cartier Bresson to see some stunning examples. Use the tips below to create a great black & white photo.

Composition

Composition is very important. Take a photo of an object, now get closer and take a photo. Closer again. Which one do you like the best? Now try framing the shot with the close up object only in half the shot and half outside of the shot. Was it more interesting?

Trick Shots

Put camera on timer and cartwheel over it. Photo an object on a mirror and it's reflection. Take a pic of a glow stick at night moving. Hold a shoe close to the camera, have people far away hold hands up like they are getting stepped on.

Goal

To capture fantastic photos.

Careers

Cinematographer, Costume Designer, Fashion Photographer, Photo Editor, Photojournalist, Set Designer, Special Effects, Makeup Artist, Wedding Photographer, Wildlife Photographer, Videographer.

Black and White Photography Tips

Increase the dramatic effects of your photos by using the following tips before or after you take a photo. Use a photo editing program.

- Capture foreground (front) objects that sharply contrast those in the background.
- Increase the Contrast
- Try to capture dramatic shadows
- Be aware of textures and try to highlight them
- Try a filter.
- Look for shapes and make them stand out.
- Compose your photo so that the dark and light draw your eye around the photo.



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Favorite Things

Goal: Learn different styles of painting, while showing people a favorite thing. This will give youth a better understanding of different art styles, art terms and techniques painters use to create these styles.

Steps:

1. Pick a favorite thing. Examples: Flip Flops , Elephants, Giraffes, Monkeys, Gerber Daisy, Hot Air Balloons, Ice Cream, Strawberries, Barns... Use a photo for reference.
2. Pick a style from the descriptions below.
3. Create a painting or coloring of your favorite thing using one of these styles. Now have your family try to guess which style you used.

Fauvism-

post impressionistic with symbolic color. Images are not completely realistic, but the bright colors try to show a mood. BOLD brush strokes, Don't over blend.



Tiger Giclee by Carol Korpi-McKinley

Elephant No. 302 by Sheila Singhall



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Expressionism

Distorting the image to create a strong emotion in the viewer. Again it's not realistic and details its emotions.



Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh



The Large Blue Horse by Franz Marc

Pop Art

Blending high culture and low culture. Everyday things = art. Colorful. Sometimes has strong outlines.



Girl with Hair Ribbon by Roy Lichtenstein



Marilyn's Lips by Andy Warhol



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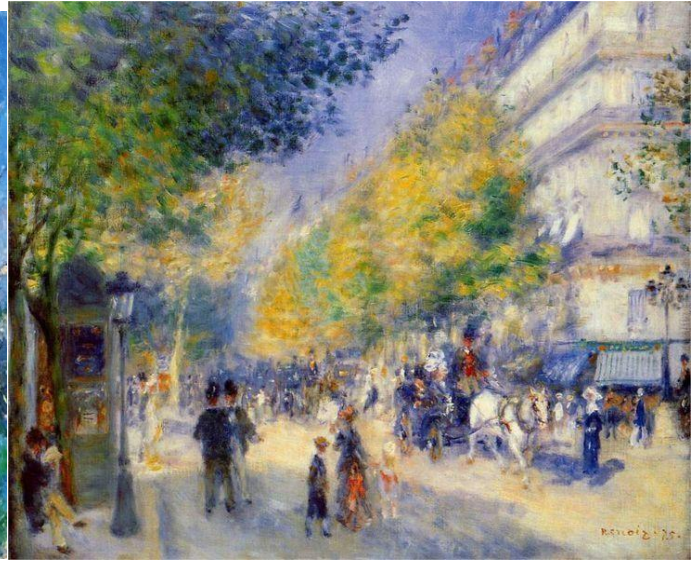
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Impressionism

Accurate depiction of light. Small visible brush strokes, ordinary subjects with movement.



Paul Cezanne



Pierre-Auguste Renoir

Cubism-

Think of the objects, break them apart and reassemble it in an abstract form.



Pablo Picasso



Georges Braque



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Surrealism

Where dreams meet reality. Realistic renditions of things that do not happen in reality or nature.



Salvador Dali



Robert Jahn



Vladimir Kush

Graffiti

Often political with a message, bright colors, sharp contrasts, highlights. Often spray paint.



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