

Painting With Scissors

Creating art with scissors

KidsArt Fairs Art Project Plan for Grades K-2

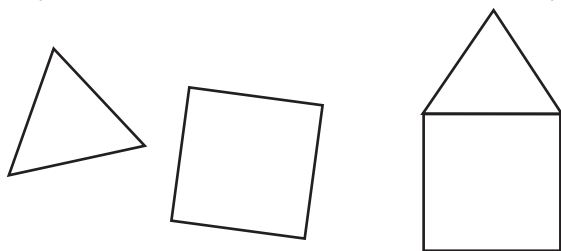
Overview:

Henri Matisse was a famous artist who lived in France from 1869-1954. Matisse studied art in Paris and worked with clay, paint, and paper.

Matisse became ill when he was older and could no longer stand up to paint. He began to make art with paper and scissors while in his wheelchair. He created many paper collages, which were called Cut Outs.

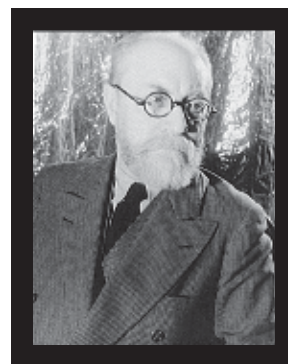
Project:

Share a little about Matisse and an example of one of his Cut Outs with students. Review different shapes with students and how a combination of shapes can create images. For example, you can combine a triangle and a square to form a house.

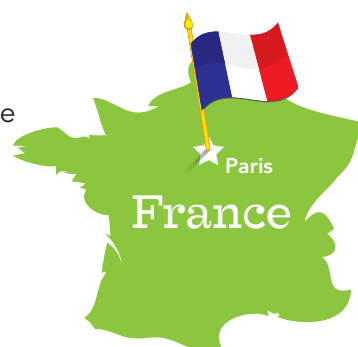


1. Students think about colors and shapes they would like to use in their art.
2. They draw and/or cut out colored construction paper shapes or choose pre-cut shapes they like. (Demonstrate how to fold paper in half and cut out a symmetrical shape.)
3. Students arrange different shapes on white paper.
4. They continue to move shapes around on the paper until they create a design they like.
5. Hand out glue sticks so students can glue the designs to the white paper.

Encourage students to share their artwork with one another. Art may be mounted to KidsArt Fairs Paper Canvases.



Henri Matisse
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Objectives:

- Convey an idea with cut paper
- Practice using scissors
- Use geometric shapes in art

Materials:

- Red, blue, and yellow construction paper for grades 1-2 (or pre-cut colored construction paper shapes for kindergarten students)
- KidsArt Fairs Paper Canvases
- Pencils
- Safety scissors
- White paper
- Glue sticks