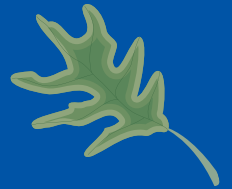




Art Project Plan

Patterns in Nature



An Exploration of Color, Line, and Texture
in an Oil Pastel Drawing of Falling Leaves

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Time: Two to three lessons, 45 minutes each

Project:

1. Collect a variety of leaves and shapes.
Discuss different shapes, colors, and textures. Look at both the top and underside of the leaves. Describe the details.
2. Students will draw several sketches of leaves from observation.
3. Students will select three leaf sketches, refine the lines, and cut out the shapes.
4. Students will trace these three selected shapes in a random arrangement within the window of the KidsArt Fairs paper.
5. Students will color the leaves with the shapes of the leaves, using darker values to outline the leaves and the veins.
6. Students apply light gradated watercolor washes to the negative spaces in the leaf design. The oil pastel will resist the watercolor washes.
7. Students can use glitter glue to embellish the oil pastel drawing.



Materials:

(see recommendations on next page)

- KidsArt Fairs paper
- Leaves
- White paper
- Pencils
- Oil Pastels
- Watercolors
- Paint Brushes
- Glitter Glue

Objective:

Students will observe how texture and pattern emerge through repetition of line and shape. Students will demonstrate knowledge of repeat design.

Purpose: Students will become aware of variations of media, techniques, and processes used to investigate pattern and texture in an artwork. Students will demonstrate the use of implied depth by overlapping leaf motifs. Students will create an artwork using pattern and texture inspired by design in nature.



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Project continued:

- When painting is dry, have each artist sign their work in the lower right-hand corner. Use the Signature Template as a guide to position the signature where it will be visible when framed.
- Share drawings with class and discuss how drawings show depth and movement.



Teacher-created sample picture in KidsArt Fairs gallery-style frame.

Applicable National Standards for Visual Arts Grades K-4:

Content Standard 1: Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

Content Standard 3: Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas

Science Cross Curriculum Connection

Sargent Art Recommended Materials:

22-2018
Sargent
Artist's Oil
Pastels



22-1908
Sargent
Glitter
Glue



22-8426
Semi-Moist
Oval Set

