

Sample Lesson from SMART ART IDEAS

About This Book

Smart Art Ideas is a unique collection of exciting art activities that helps children meet important developmental goals, while helping adults understand the learning that takes place through art. Developmental outcomes are clearly outlined in each lesson, describing the cognitive, emotional, social, physical and language benefits

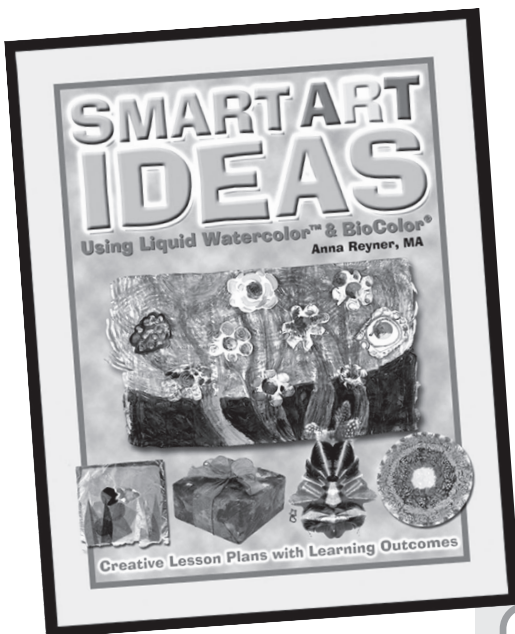
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—Mac Johnston

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YMCA of Metro Los Angeles

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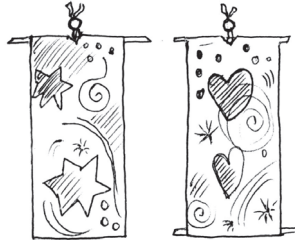
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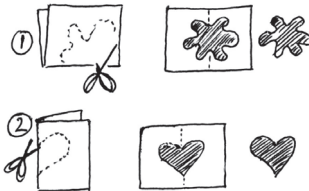
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Fabric Wall Hanging



STEP 1 Design a Stencil

Create 2 original stencils: Tear or cut simple shapes from folded paper and unfold.



STEP 2 Spray the Fabric

Pass out fabric. Lay stencils on fabric and spray with color. Reposition stencils and spray, changing colors.



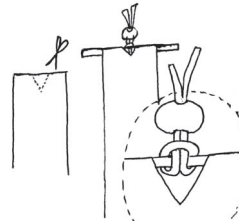
STEP 3 Make It Bright

Continue painting with watercolor in bingo bottles and Nancy bottles. Add drops and swirls of gold and silver. Dry.



STEP 4 Hang It Up

Cut small "v" into fabric at top. Glue fabric end over stick. Then hang from center with cord and bead.



CLASSROOM TIPS

Extensions

Fabric panels can be any size, but 6" x 20" always looks good. For younger children, drop Liquid Watercolor™ from eyedroppers onto fabric or use a paintbrush, eliminating stencils. Put gold and silver Liquid Watercolor™ in Nancy bottles for easy application. For exquisite gifts, try this on plain or embossed silk. If you keep the panels small, silk may not be cost-prohibitive for a special occasion. To economize, use cotton sheets, remnants, or Liquid Watercolor™ Mat material. Try using bamboo or "horsetail" plants from the garden as interesting "hanger" material.

Vocabulary

Overlap, Position, Reposition, Pattern



SMART
LESSON PLANS

MATERIALS

- ✓ Liquid Watercolor™
- ✓ Gold and silver Liquid Watercolor™
- ✓ Spray bottles (pre-filled)
- ✓ Bingo bottles (pre-filled)
- ✓ Nancy bottles (pre-filled)
- ✓ Fabric panels (or use ✓ Liquid Watercolor™ Mat material)
- ✓ Craft sticks or chop-sticks
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ in Discount School Supply catalog

OUTCOMES

Art is good brain food! This art idea helps children develop:

Cognitive/Thinking Skills
Creative thinking
Decision making

Emotional/Feeling Skills
Self-expression
Makes choices

Social/Relating Skills
Respect for self and others
Controls impulses

Physical/Coordinating Skills
Fine motor skills: spray and grasp
Visual/perceptual skills

Literacy & Language Developments
Follows multi-step directions
Plans and develops content

Ages
4-12

45-60
Min.



Fabric Quilt Square



MATERIALS

- ✓ Canvas Fabric Squares
- ✓ BioColor®
- ✓ Nancy™ bottles (pre-filled)
- ✓ BioColor® Fabric Medium
- ✓ Fabric markers
- ✓ Tacky glue
- ✓ Fabric/yarn collage
- ✓ Brushes

Optional:

- ✓ 3-D Fabric Puffs

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OUTCOMES

Art is good brain food! This art idea helps children develop:

Cognitive/Thinking Skills

Plans and adapts actions
Makes decisions

Emotional/Feeling Skills

Develops individuality
Tactile stimulation

Social/Relating Skills

Visual communication
Shares materials with group

Physical/Coordinating Skills

Controls fluid materials
Works within boundaries

Literacy & Language Development

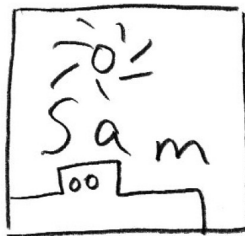
Develops visual language
Develops content/theme

Ages
4-12

2
Sessions

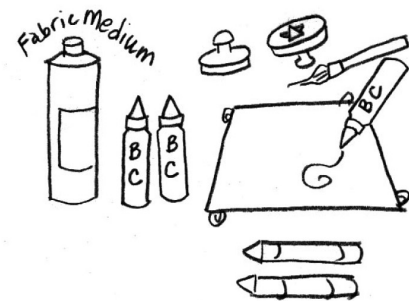
Step 1: Plan Design

Plan out your design on paper.



Step 2: Paint Design

Mix BioColor® with BioColor® Fabric Medium per instructions and paint or stamp fabric.



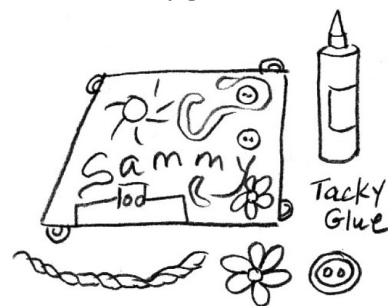
Step 3: Add Words

Use fabric markers to personalize with words, your name, or a message. Heat set.*



Step 4: Add Collage

Add felt, ribbon and/or fabric puff details with tacky glue.



CLASSROOM TIPS

Extensions

Both fabric markers and BioColor® Fabric Medium come with easy heat-set directions using an iron or a dryer. Quilting is a very easy process using "Classroom Canvas Quilts" because the squares button together and don't have to be sewn. Classroom canvas quilts come in a set of 12 blank fabric squares. Each fabric square has its own buttons and loops that are already sewn on, making them wonderful time savers. If you have a sewing machine and want to stitch the squares together, purchase heavy white fabric instead.

Vocabulary

Fabric Quilt, Stitch, Collaborate, Connect, Design, Motif.



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"Inspirations" Clip Art Quotes for Teachers & Parents

THESE QUOTES are intended to inspire and motivate teachers and parents. As you lead hands-on art projects with your staff and with parents, encourage everyone to select a topic that speaks to them and clip that group of quotes out to glue onto their project. The groupings below are just the right size to clip and stick onto many of the *Smart Art 2* lessons, including (but certainly not limited to) the Chopstick Book, Accordion Book, Quick Paper Bag Book, Origami Book, Pitter Patter Plates, and mini versions of the Poetry Panels. Get inspired and have fun!

On Art

There is no must in art because art is free. **Kandinsky**. Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life. **Picasso**. Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time. **Thomas Merton**. Colors speak all languages. **Joseph Addison**. The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery. **Francis Bacon**

On Teachers

A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops. **Henry Adams**. Teachers are expected to reach unattainable goals with inadequate tools. The miracle is that at times they accomplish this impossible task. **Haim Ginott**. The work can wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work. **Patricia Clafford**. A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child. **Witcraft**

On Living Well

We can do no great things only small things with great heart. **Mother Theresa**. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. **Eleanor Roosevelt**. And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye. **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will be as one. **John Lennon**



On Imagination

Imagination is more important than knowledge. **Einstein**. All acts performed in the world begin in the imagination. **Harrison**. My alphabet starts with this letter called yuzz. It's the letter I use to spell yuzz-a-ma-tuzz. You'll be sort of surprised what there is to be found once you go beyond Z and start poking around! **Dr Seuss**. Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night. **Edgar Allan Poe**. Sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast. **Lewis Carroll**

On Parenting

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself. **Joyce Maynard**. There are two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots. The other is wings. **Hodding Carter**. A child enters your home and for the next twenty years makes so much noise you can hardly stand it. The child departs, leaving the house so silent you think you are going mad. **John Holmes**. You will always be your child's favorite toy. **Vicki Lansky**

On Courage and Success

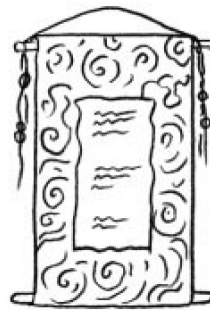
To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment. **Emerson**. I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. **Michael Jordan**.



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Poetry Panel



MATERIALS

- ✓ Liquid Watercolor™ Mat
- ✓ Liquid Watercolor™
- ✓ Metallic Liquid Watercolor™
- ✓ Trigger spray bottles (pre-filled)
- ✓ Tacky glue
- ✓ Craft sticks
- ✓ Heavy sulphite paper, 18" x 24"

Optional:

- ✓ Beads and cord for hanging

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OUTCOMES

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Emotional/Feeling Skills

Self-expression
Makes choices

Social/Relating Skills

Respect for self and others
Controls impulses

Physical/Coordinating Skills

Fine motor skills
Visual/perceptual skills

Literacy & Language Development

Combines words creatively
Plans and develops content

Ages
5-12

Several
Days

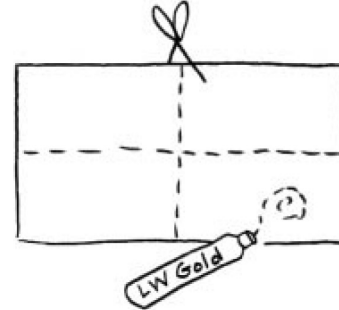
Step 1: Spray 4' x 10' Mat Outside

Spray entire mat with variety of colors. Use leaves and tall grasses as stencils. Dry.



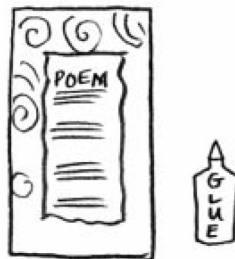
Step 2: Divide and Add Metallics

Cut mat into quarters, making four 2' x 5' panels. Sprinkle and swirl on accents of gold and silver. Dry.



Step 3: Create Poetry and Print It

Create a collaborative group poem. Hand print or inkjet onto heavy paper.



Step 4: Make Wooden Hangers

Make 8 wooden hangers by overlapping craftsticks and gluing. Attach hangers to tops and bottoms. Attach cord, add beads.



CLASSROOM TIPS

Extensions

This is a great classroom fundraiser for school auctions or PTA events. You can purchase dowels instead of making hangers. Create collaborative group prose poems by writing out prompts such as "Love is ..., Friendship is ..., Cooperation is ..., Peace is ..., Our School is ..." and giving one prompt to each child. Each child thinks of several ideas for their prompt and writes them down (or dictates). Finally, you can select one line from each child and compile them into a group prose/poem. Try this idea on smaller panels with individual poems. Haiku works well.

Vocabulary

Design, Compose, Stencil, Overlap, Absorb, Saturate, Embellish.



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Ages
4-12

20-40
min.

MATERIALS

- ✓ Liquid Watercolor™ Mat
 - ✓ Liquid Watercolors™
 - ✓ Gold/Silver Liquid Watercolors™
 - ✓ Large Spray Bottles
 - ✓ Stencils
- Optional:**
- ✓ Foam rollers with textures

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BENEFITS

Art is good brain food! This art idea helps children develop:

Cognitive/Thinking Skills

Large scale planning & adapting
Problem solving
Spatial relations skills

Emotional/Feeling Skills

Sensory pleasure
Motor pleasure
Emotional release

Social/Relating Skills

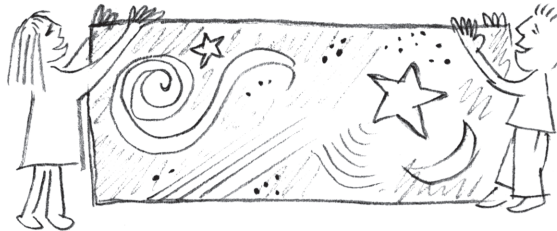
Works together cooperatively
Shares materials, waits turn

Physical/Coordinating Skills

Fine motor skills: grasp/spray
Gross motor skills: large scale
Plans & adapts to large scale

Literacy & Language Development

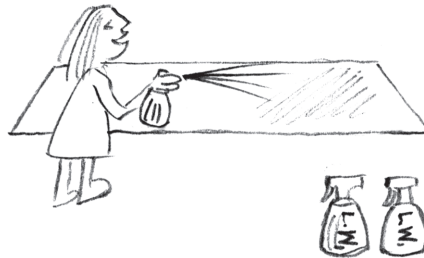
Follows multi-step directions
Plans & develops content/theme
Learns new vocabulary words



Color Spray Murals

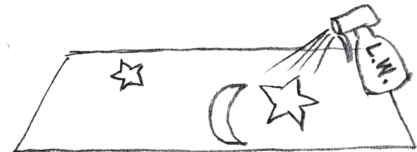
STEP 1: Paint Light Basecoat

Spray light basecoat of colors over entire mural, using large sweeping motion and 3-5 colors.



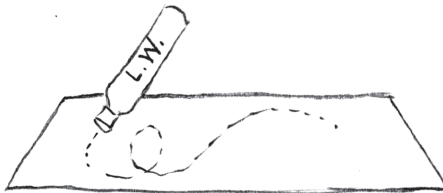
STEP 2: Apply Stencils

Lay 2-3 stencils onto basecoat & spray with other colors. Reposition, overlap stencils and spray again, changing colors.



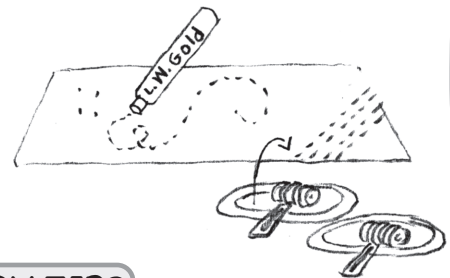
STEP 3: Drizzle on Darker Outlines

Drizzle a bit of Liquid Watercolor™ directly from the 8 oz. bottle using large sweeping arm movements, for dark contrasting outlines, and "movement."



STEP 4: Add Silver & Gold LW Accents

Drizzle gold and silver Liquid Watercolor™ from 8 oz. bottles. Mix gold w/yellow and silver w/blue on separate paper plates. Roll on metallic mix with foam texture rollers.



CLASSROOM TIPS

Extensions

Spray over ferns, willows branches, or lacy grasses. Make a Paper Quilt: pre-cut 8" squares, and piece together with colored masking tape or glue onto 2nd mat. Alternate squares with coffee filter circles. Make theater curtains or room partitions. Create temporary clothing, using glue. Create potpourri holders: gather colored squares with yarn, at top. Make impressive fundraisers for auctions. Use letter stencils. Decorate hallways. Celebrate the seasons.

Vocabulary

Line, Shape, Color, Texture, Volume, Rhythm, Primary Colors, Secondary Colors

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