

Paper Cutout Artwork

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MATERIALS



- drawing paper (or mixed media paper, watercolor paper, yupo paper)
- your favorite drawing materials: colored pencils, watercolor pencils, crayons, markers, etc.
- container of water for brushes (*if using wet media*)
- paper towels (*if using wet media*)
- scissors and/or Xacto knife
- painter's tape
- acrylic inks or watercolor paints (*optional*)

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1- Creating your artwork library

Drawing

Draw objects from your imagination or find pictures in magazines, books or online to help inspire you and create your own drawings. You can draw/ paint any kind of subject matter you choose.



(Step 1- Creating your artwork library continued)



Pencil rubbings

Create rubbings of leaves or other textured, flat objects, by laying the leaf under your drawing paper and going over the surface with the side of a soft pencil. You can then draw on top of your leaf shape, adding additional colors and lines with crayons, colored pencils, etc.

Paint your own paper

Paint your own sheets of paper with acrylic inks on yupo paper or watercolor paints on watercolor paper. When the paint dries, cut out pebbles, stars, or geometric shapes to use in your collage. You can take this idea and experiment with different kinds of paints and paper.

Step 2- Cutting out your artwork

Carefully cut out your pieces using scissors and/or a Xacto knife. You can cut to the edge of your artwork or leave a small margin. Be sure to use a cutting mat on your work surface.

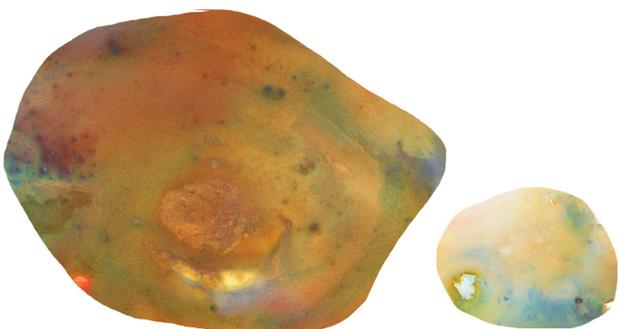
Step 3- Arrange your artwork

Once you've built up your library of drawings, you can begin to organize your paper cutout pieces into a collage on a background piece of paper or tape the pieces up onto the wall using removable painter's tape.

Play and have fun arranging your artwork! Use your intuition. See how the artwork looks with different pieces in different places, re-arranging and adding new elements as you go.

Take pictures to capture your various arrangements and show your family and friends. You can also share with the Museum on Instagram using:

#toughartathome



TERMS TO KNOW

Yupo Paper - yupo is a synthetic paper with a smooth surface. It resists buckling with wet media and can be wiped clean. You can experiment with using a spray bottle, a variety of brushes and inks, wiping away your paint or allowing ink to dry and layering more colors on top.

Watercolor Pencils - watercolor pencils are colored pencils that are water soluble. A thin brush with a little water can be applied to your pencil lines to create softened marks and color blending.

Xacto Knife- an Xacto knife is used for precision cutting on paper and creating handcut details. The blade is replaceable. (Pay extra attention when using a Xacto knife so that you don't cut yourself.)

Art Deco - the Art Deco Movement was a style of art, design and architecture that appeared in France just before World War I and reached the height of its popularity in the 1920's - 1930's in the United States and Europe. Characterized by geometric or stylized forms, bright colors, repetitive shapes, this style is synonymous with glamour, optimism, and luxury.

Art Deco Examples-

