

Overlapping Art

(Grade 2 Print: “Village Feast” by Vivancos)

Curriculum Connection: Geography, history math

Art Concept: Geometric shapes, spatial relationships, depth and perspective, texture using line (EALRS grade 2 # 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2)

Grade: 2 and up

Materials:

Geometric shapes

Colored construction paper (3x3 inches)

Colored construction paper (9x12 inches)

Colored construction paper (12x18 inches)

Black markers

Scissors

Glue

Procedures:

1. Explain that students will be arranging a geometric shape on a two-dimensional plane to make them look like some are closer and some are farther away by overlapping the shape.
2. Discuss geometric shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle). A square will be used for this art project.
3. Have students pick a color of paper for the background (9x12 inches).
4. Next have students pick 7 squares (3x3 inches); 3 one color and 4 another.

5. Tell students to lay out the small squares in a pattern by color (red, blue, red, blue etc.; 2 red, one blue, 2 red, one blue; 3 red, 3 blue).
6. Now tell students they need to make each square smaller than the other, in descending order. Leave square #1 the same size, square #2 trim slightly on all 4 sides, #3 trim slightly more than #2, so on. Demonstrate each one to the students as you go along so they see how much to trim each one.
7. Arrange squares on background paper in the following manner: Largest square glue to lower left bottom of paper; smallest square glue to upper top right of paper.
8. Beginning with the second smallest square, glue to upper left of paper (but slightly lower than smallest square); next largest square overlap square last glued, so that it is on top of lower right corner of square underneath; next largest square overlap previous square in the same manner as done before.
9. Squares should look like they are receding and becoming smaller. The largest square should appear closest and the smallest square should appear the farthest away. The colors should be in a pattern.
10. Now have students draw different patterns using lines onto squares with black markers (circles, dashes, zig-zags etc.)
11. Glue colored paper (12x18 inches) to back of picture and trim to create a frame.

