

Blick Liquid Watercolor

Students trace the contour of everyday classroom objects, overlapping them to form new shapes within the outlines. This exercise strengthens students' skills in using positive and negative space and creating abstract designs based on shapes. Washable Blick Liquid Watercolor fills each design with intense, rich color.

Grade Levels K-5

Note: instructions and materials based on a class of 25 students. Adjust as needed.

Process

1. Children choose one or two items from the art materials area (e.g., a bottle of glue, scissors).
2. Use a pencil to trace the outline of the item in various overlapping positions. Younger children can be limited to two or three shapes. Older children can use as many as they like. The painted areas become smaller as more tracings are made.
3. Paint each small area created by the overlapped shapes. Mix in a metallic piece once in awhile.

Options

- Use all metallic watercolor and outline the shapes with a very fine marker.
- All tints of one color: greens, blues or reds.

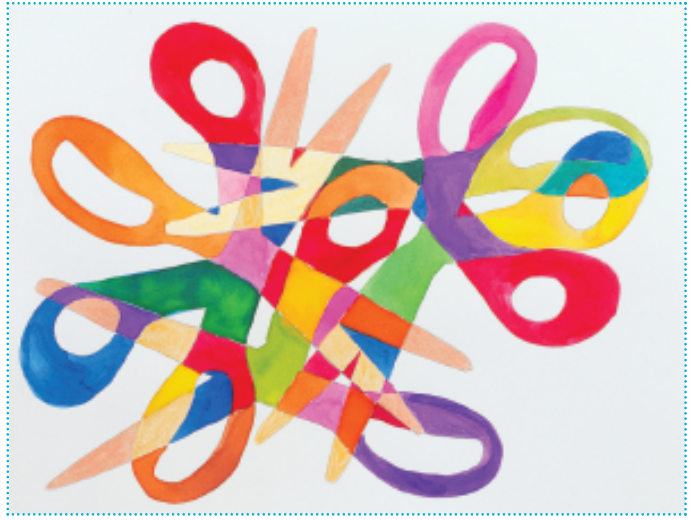
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National Standards

Content Standard #1 — Understanding and applying media, techniques and processes.

K-4 Students use art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner

5-8 Students select media, techniques and processes; analyze what makes them effective or not effective in communicating ideas; and reflect upon the effectiveness of their choices



Materials

Blick Liquid Watercolor (00369-), share at least four bottles across the classroom

Canson® Biggie Jr. Watercolor Pads, (10153-1023) need on 9" x 12" sheet per student