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Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual readaloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!



Blueprints!

Description: young artists see how a playground is taken apart and redesigned and then make their own artistic twist on a blueprint!

<u>Story</u>: <u>"Pete the Cat Construction Destruction"</u> written and illustrated by James Dean (Harper Festival; 2015)

Let's Talk about this Artwork!

- What do you see?
- What colors can you name?
- This artwork is made mostly with straight lines.
 - Can you find shapes that look the same?
 - Can you find a curved line?
- A *blueprint* is a drawing of something that will be built, like a building or a bridge.
 - If this piece of art was a blueprint, what do you think the artist plans to make?



Supplies Needed

- 1) one: 9"x12" blue construction paper
- 2) pencil
- 3) oil pastels or crayons
- 4) 1"-3" shapes including squares, rectangles, circles, and triangles (can be blocks, Legos, or found items like lids or recyclables)



Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor:
 - a) Tracing
 - b) Coloring
- 2) Language development
 - a) Expressive: speaking
 - b) Receptive: listening
 - c) Discussing
- 3) Shape identification
- 4) 21st-Century:
 - a) Creativity
 - b) Problem-solving
 - c) Collaborating

Project Instructions

1) Arrange your shapes on the construction paper. See how many different combinations you can come up with and then choose your favorite.



2) Trace around the shapes on your design, one shape at a time.

Helpful hint: you can move the surrounding shapes out of your way while you are tracing, and then replace to line up with the shape you have drawn.



3) Decide if there are any details you would like to add inside the blueprint you have drawn...do you need windows or doors or something else?

Helpful hint: you can use a shape you like more than once and move it to trace again.



4) Trace over your pencil lines with a white oil pastel or crayon.





5) Color in your blueprint with oil pastels or crayons for an extra challenge.



6) Wonderful job!

Can you rebuild your picture with blocks using your blueprint?





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