

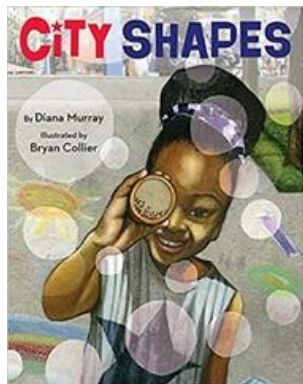


Time: 20-30 minutes

Messiness: medium

Adult involvement: low

Watercolor Resist with Shapes!



Description: young artists explore a city, looking for shapes and make a watercolor resist with shapes they find at home!

Story: [“City Shapes”](#) written by Diana Murray and illustrated by Bryan Collier (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016)

Let’s talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- What shapes do you recognize?
 - How many circles can you find? Count the rectangles.
 - What other shapes can you name?
- Are all the squares the same color? How many shapes are colored red?
- Which shape or color did you notice first?
 - Which color is your favorite?



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Materials Needed

- 1) watercolor or multi-media paper
- 2) paintbrush
- 3) primary watercolors: red, blue, and yellow
- 4) water in container for rinsing brush
- 5) crayons
- 6) miscellaneous basic shape items for tracing

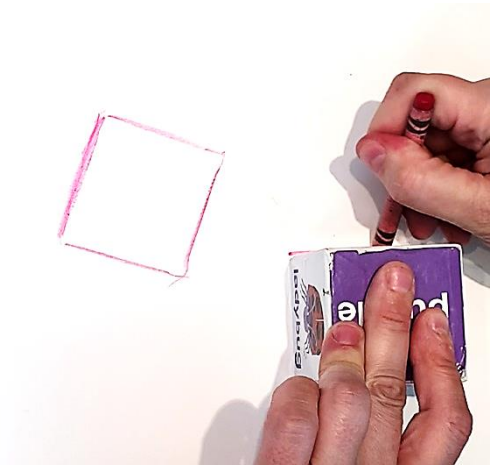


Project Skills

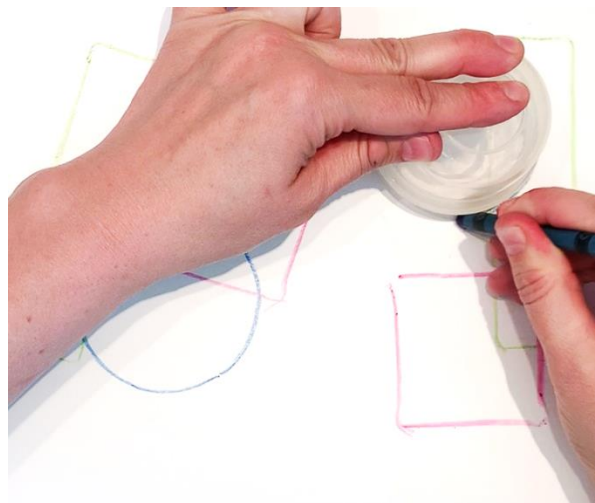
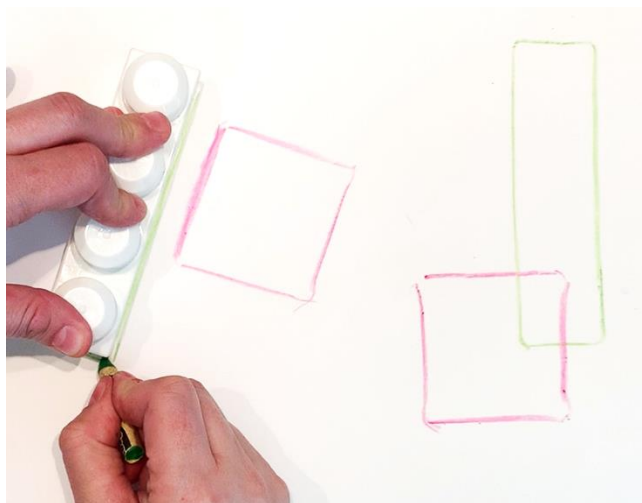
- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) tracing
 - b) painting
- 2) Language Development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- 3) Mathematical
 - a) shape identification
- 4) 21st-Century
 - a) critical thinking
 - b) creativity

Project Instructions

- 1) Find objects that can be traced to make basic shapes. We found a play block for the square, a large lego for the rectangle, and a small container for the circle. Choose a crayon and trace around the shape twice, switching crayons if desired.



- 2) Pick new colors of crayon and trace remaining shapes. Make sure to **overlap** the shapes, so that they intersect or cross on top one another. This will create new areas.



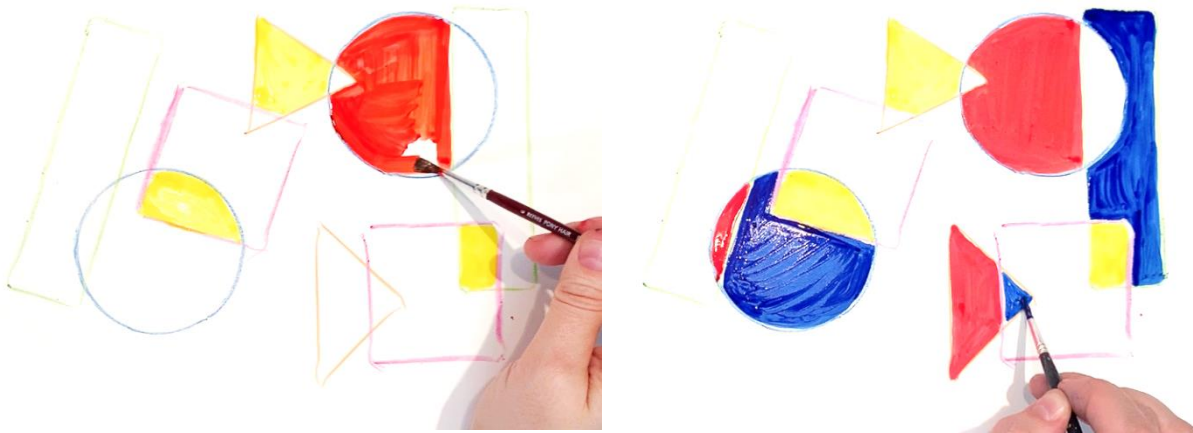
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- 3) Using a primary color watercolor (red, yellow, or blue), paint 2-3 of the **overlapping** shapes you have traced.

Helpful hint: paint with one color, then rinse brush before using a new color.



- 4) Continue painting other shapes with the remaining primary colors. Don't forget to rinse brush before switching colors!



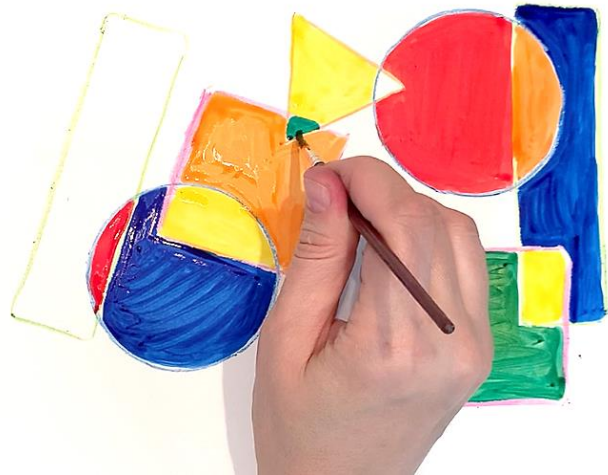
- 5) Orange can be made by mixing red and yellow. Add a small amount of red to the yellow and mix to make a shade you like! Paint 2-3 more areas.



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- 6) Green can be made by mixing a little blue into the yellow, and purple can be made by mixing a little blue into the red. Mix these colors, or new ones, and paint any remaining areas.



- 7) Share your artwork with a friend!



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