

Circle Patterns

Subject: Visual Arts

Grade Level: M1, M2, M3

Time to complete: 1-day lesson

DESCRIPTION: Drawing overlapping, concentric, and symmetrical circles on lined paper is an easy, fun, and satisfying art project.

IN THIS PROJECT, YOU WILL: Create patterns using lined paper and circles.

WHY MAKE (PROJECT)?: To explore different patterns made by the intersection of lines and circles.

VOCABULARY: Patterns, circles, overlap, symmetry, concentric, adjacent

SUPPLIES:

1. Lined paper (notebook paper, legal pad, etc)
2. Circular item to trace (roll of tape, cup, stencil, etc)
3. Pen or pencil
4. Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Instructions:

Day 1:

1. Trace circles onto your lined paper
 - a. Create different patterns by overlapping the circles randomly, or by laying out a pattern of circles
 - i. Have fun with this! Try different patterns, sizes, and number of circles on your paper. There is no wrong way to do this!
2. Take your markers, crayons, or colored pencils and add color to your drawing. Some different things to try:
 - a. Where lines intersect, change colors
 - b. Draw patterns within the lines
 - c. See if you color the whole drawing without ever having the same color adjacent (side-by-side) to itself

Share Your Work & Reflection:

1. Share with your family
2. Ask what they like about your work
3. What do YOU like about your work?
 - a. If you did the project again, what (if anything) would you do differently?
4. Email Ms. P. a picture of your completed project

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