



Colorful Collograph

GRADES 6-12

Cross Curricular: Art, Math
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DESCRIPTION

This lesson plan will explore the composition of an image, (in this case, triangles, i.e. sailboat, sails and sun), that when built up into several layers to form a printing plate and printed, an embossed design emerges. Watercolors or colored inks are added to enhance the design and the result are a colorful collograph.



National Core Arts Standards-Visual

Creating

- Anchor Standard #1:** Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.
- Anchor Standard #2:** Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.

Presenting

- Anchor Standard #4:** Analyze, interpret and select artistic work for presentation.

Responding

- Anchor Standard #7:** Perceive and analyze artistic work.

Connecting

- Anchor Standard #10:** Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to art.

OBJECTIVES

- Students will learn the technique to develop/create a collograph.

DIRECTIONS

1. Share with students various "singular" shapes from our surroundings that lend themselves to embossing for a collograph, e.g., triangles (sails), circles (clouds), squares (buildings) and other basic, natural shapes.
2. Cut various pieces from illustration board.
3. Arrange the intended design onto the support board.
4. Adhere with white glue and seal the support board with gloss medium.
5. Cut to size and soak the Sax® Europa Watercolor Paper for at least 15-20 minutes. This is to make the paper open to properly emboss.
6. Damp dry the paper between blotters/couch sheets.
7. Place the watercolor paper over the collograph image, press and hold while applying pressure with rubbing stick. Spritz with water to retain moisture if needed. Always use a sizing catcher (white drawing paper) to prevent tearing of the watercolor paper.
8. Remove collograph and let dry.
9. Choose liquid watercolors or colored inks to enhance final print.
10. Curate print in pencil: Title and edition, lower left and name, date lower right.



MATERIALS

Item #	Description
9-442136-740	Sax® True Flow Gloss Medium, 1 Quart Bottle
9-405099-740	Sax® Illustration Board, Cold Press, 14 ply, 15" x 20", Pack of 10 (Use for support board and for collograph image)
9-1567858-740	Sax® Washable Liquid Watercolors, Assorted Colors, Set of 8
9-404777-740	Sax® Europa Watercolor Paper, Cold Press, 140 lb., 22" x 30", Pack of 10
9-411576-740	Sax® Filbert Golden Taklon Artists Brush Set, Set of 4 (Size 2, 4, 6 and 10)
9-383786-740	Jack Richeson™ Small Assorted Fluorescent Tempera Cakes with Tray, Set of 6
9-084849-740	School Smart® Soft Grip Scissors, Straight Handle, 8"
9-1565729-740	School Smart® White Glue, 8 oz Bottles, Pack of 12
9-410248-740	Scratch-Art Rubbing Stick, Dual Tipped, 5¾" Handle
9-205539-740	Spray Bottle, 32 oz., Set of 6