Abstract Stamp Print

Eva Hesse was a German-born American artist known for her abstract paintings and sculptures and use of unique materials. Abstract art may exaggerate or simplify shapes, lines, and forms.

In this activity, you will be making your own abstract stamp print inspired by Eva Hesse’s painting *Untitled* (1963).

**Materials needed:**
- A variety of small objects found in your home that have a flat surface and an interesting texture or shape, such as corks, small lids, bottlecaps, or cardboard
- Paint (one or more colors)
- Paper
- Scissors

**Process:**
Gather the objects you found with a flat surface for stamping. If your objects are soft enough (like cardboard) you can cut them into different shapes and sizes before stamping. Dip a flat side of your objects into paint and press the paint-covered side onto your paper. Try stamping multiple times with one found object to create your image. Play with color within your design to create a stamped image inspired by Eva Hesse’s painting.
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Still Life

Audrey Flack is an American artist who creates paintings and sculptures that often include recognizable objects from the real world including household products, food, jewelry, and works of art.

Felix Nussbaum was a painter born in Germany. Nussbaum went to art school in Rome, but his studies were interrupted by the outbreak of WWII. He continued to make artwork during this time that reflect his many hardships during wartime in Europe. This painting depicts a more peaceful image.

In this activity, you will be creating a still life inspired by paintings by Audrey Flack and Felix Nussbaum.

Materials needed:
- Paper
- Drawing materials, such as colored pencils, crayons, or pastels
- Paint (optional)
- Scissors (optional)
- Glue (optional)
- Variety of collage paper and/or magazine clippings (optional)

Process:
Find three or more objects that are special to you or your family. Arrange them in a playful way on a table. Use paint, collage, or colored pencils to create an image depicting these objects.
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Found Object Sculpture

Rachel Feinstein grew up in Miami, Florida and now lives in New York City. She is an artist who is interested in stories, both real and imagined, and often includes female characters in her artwork.

In this activity, you will be creating a found object sculpture inspired by Rachel Feinstein’s art.

Materials:
- Found objects such as cardboard, plastic bottles, and tubes
- Glue
- Tape
- Scissors
- Clay (optional)

Process:
Begin by experimenting with your found materials. Use scissors and tape to combine these materials or transform them. Consider attaching parts together to form a figure or something from your imagination to make your sculpture.
In this activity, you will create a found object portrait inspired by Larry Rivers’ *Portrait of Vera List* (c. 1965).

**Materials needed:**
- Paper (preferably a heavier weight paper) or piece of cardboard
- Drawing materials such as pencil, crayon, marker, or chalk
- Small found objects such as cardboard, caps, or magazine clippings
- Glue
- Scissors

**Process:**
Draw a picture inspired by the portrait of Vera List on the paper or board. You can draw someone you know, or a character from your imagination. Using glue, add a variety of small found objects and textures to highlight details in the person’s features or in the scene around them. Get creative with how you layer and arrange the materials for this playful portrait.
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Tape Drawing

Sol LeWitt was an American artist who uses the repetition of shapes and patterns to create works of art.

In this activity, you will be creating a tape drawing inspired by the artwork of Sol LeWitt.

Materials needed:
• Paper (preferably a heavier weight paper)
• Masking or painter’s tape
• Crayons or markers
• Watercolor paint (optional)
• Paint brushes (optional)
• Water (optional)

Process:
Tear or cut different lengths of tape and apply them to your paper to make a pattern inspired by Sol LeWitt’s wall drawings. Think about filling your paper with lines or shapes. Using markers or crayons, add color to the parts of the paper that are not covered with tape. If you are using crayon, try adding watercolor on top of the crayon drawing for an interesting effect. Once the materials have dried, peel off the tape to reveal the lines underneath.