

Title of Lesson: Matisse Paper Cut-Outs “Happiest Day of My Life”

Grade Level: 4th Grade

Objective: Using various colors of construction paper, students will cut and arrange shapes to create a rhythmic and colorful picture, expressing the “happiest day of their life.”

Time: 1 – 2 art periods

Materials: white paper
various colors of construction paper
scissors
glue

Procedure:

1. Study some works of Henri Matisse. Discuss how Matisse used colors and shapes to create a mood or feeling. Discuss with students how their choice of shapes and color can express a happy feeling.
2. Use various colors of paper to cut out different shapes. Cut out many shapes!
3. Arrange the shapes onto the white paper in a very interesting way to create the picture.
4. Once you have decided on an arrangement, glue the shapes onto the white paper.

Evaluation:

Thinking about your Matisse collage.....

- Close your eyes. Think about your shapes and describe your picture.
- Write a story or poem about your picture.