
Kindergarten LWSD Art Docent Project: Found Object Portraits

Focus on Portraiture

Objective: to teach students how to create a simple and fun self-portrait using recycled bits of plastic, cloth string, paper, etc.

Artistic Influence: English artist Jane Perkins



Materials:

- **Stiff paper sized 9" x 12"** (stiff construction paper would be fine)
- **School glue** (Elmer's X-treme liquid and stick work the best)
- **Found objects** (ask parents to start collecting them 1-2 months ahead)
- **Face shape already cut out**
- **Paper plates**
- **Paper towels**

Instructions and notes:

1. Prep for this lesson involves printing the face template (see page 3 of this document) on different shades of brown and pink construction paper and cutting them out ahead of time.
2. Test the video link ahead of time to see if it is working. Showing the video is optional and may be done as part of the lesson or ahead of lesson time.
3. After going through the slides and allowing the children to draw inspiration from Jane Perkins's incredible artwork, use the slide deck to talk about the parts of a human face.
4. Paper plates are recommended over reusable palettes, because the glue is difficult to wash off once it dries.
5. You may wish to have students bring and/or wear aprons to this lesson.
6. Invite students to share their art and talk about the process if time allows.
7. Distribute parent information page for students to take home, and print an extra page to post on your bulletin board with the finished art. See following page.
8. Please complete the brief [LWSD Art Docent Program Feedback Survey](#) for this lesson.
9. Thank you for supporting our elementary students' visual arts education.

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Frida Kahlo, 2016, Jane Perkins

WA State Visual Art Standard

Through experimentation, build skills in various media and approaches to art-making.
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Our inspiration for this project came from the wonderfully colorful paintings of English artist and “re-maker,” Jane Perkins. Jane has a gift for turning the odd collection of plastic objects from a flea market into incredible portraits of easily recognizable faces.

In this art lesson, students chose recycled objects to create their portraits. They dipped them in glue and pressed them onto paper to create their own colorful portraits.

