



It's a big DEAL!

Daily Elementary Art Lesson

Day 21

Positive and Negative Space Bugs

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The elements of art are to art what the ABCs are to reading. This project uses the element of **COLOR, SHAPE, LINE & FORM**.

You will need:
Watercolor or
Other Heavy Paper
Black Construction Paper
Watercolor Paints or Markers
Scissors
Pencil
Glue or Tape



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POSITIVE SPACE is the area or part of an artwork's composition that the subject occupies.

NEGATIVE SPACE is the space around and between a subject.



Step 1.

Paint your watercolor or other heavy paper. You can use all warm colors, all cool colors, or any combination. Make sure to cover the entire page. **You can use crayons or markers if you don't have paints.**

Step 2.

While you're waiting for your painting to dry, measure your black paper so that it is half of the size of your watercolor or other heavy paper (Trim it if you need to). Draw one half of a bug or insect using your pencil.

Step 3.

Cut out the shape of your bug. Set aside the paper you used as well as the half shape.

Step 4.

Glue the black paper to one half of your paper. Then, flip over the cut out shape of your bug and glue it next to the cut out portion of your black paper. You should have a whole bug!



What other animals could you make?