

## Mixed Media Weaving Collage: Inspired by Pacita Abad's "Circles"

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Grade Level: Grade One



### Desired Learning Outcomes:

- Expose students to abstract art (the art of Pacita Abad)
- Experiment with painting techniques
- Practice drawing and cutting circles
- Students will learn weaving technique

### Teacher Questions:

- What do you weave?
- How do we paint a circle by twisting the brush?
- How do you draw and cut a circle?
- What is abstract art?
- What is mixed media collage?
- What do you think Pacita's favourite shape?
- How can we make a piece of art that uses the circle shapes?

**Materials:**

- A selection of works from Pacita Abad's *Circles in My Mind* series
- Tempera paint – assorted colours
- Brushes
- Two colours construction paper for base
- Assorted colours of construction paper for the circles.
- Muffin papers
- Sequins, stickers
- Markers
- Brad paper fasteners
- Gel paint pens
- (Optional: googly eyes and buttons, anything round)

**Learning Experience:****Lesson 1:**

1. Look at the work of Pacita Abad from her *Circles in My Mind* series.
2. Ask the children to discuss and identify the colours and shapes in her work.
3. Ask them if they know the style of art that is.
4. Show sample and demonstrate the first step to making their own circle work. Paints circles by twisting the brush on the paper. Let dry.
5. Pre cut the painted paper for each student using a paper cutter, approximately 1 inch.

**Lesson 2:**

1. Fold the second piece of construction paper in half. Demonstrate how to cut strips waving lines from the folded side to the open end. Make sure that they don't cut all the way through. (I sometimes draw the lines on the paper for students).
2. Weave the painted strips through the base paper.

**Lesson 3:**

1. Draw and cut out several circles from assorted construction paper.
2. Using the brads to attach them to the base.
3. Decorate the circles with stickers, gel paint and markers.
4. Glue muffin papers on the base and decorate with dye cut shapes or buttons, etc.

**Final Assessment:**

Finished work. Verbally reflect on the process and what they learned.