

## Mixed Media on a Bottle: Inspired by Pacita Abad's "Circles"

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Grade Level: Grade Three



### Desired Learning Outcomes:

- Expose students to abstract art (the art of Pacita Abad)
- Experiment with painting techniques
- Experiment with non-traditional media
- Experiment with tints and mono-chromatic colours

### Teacher Questions:

- 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?
- How do we get the colour on the bottle?

### Materials:

- A selection of works from Pacita Abad's *Circles in My Mind* series
- An empty glass bottle
- Tempera paint – assorted colours (including white)
- Brushes
- Assorted tissue paper
- Sequins, stickers
- Markers
- Gel paint pens
- Yarn
- White glue

### 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. Demonstrate tearing the tissue paper and using the white glue to stick it to the bottle. Be sure that the paper covers the entire bottle and that the paper is thoroughly saturated with the glue.
5. Add glue soaked yarn to the bottle. Let dry.

### **Lesson 2:**

1. Demonstrate how to change the tint of colour by adding white.
2. Have students paint a variety of circles on the bottle in various tints.
3. Using the same group of colors, paint designs to the circle. Let dry.

### **Lesson 3:**

1. Once the bottle is dry, have students add any number of things to the bottles: sequins, buttons, stickers – all staying in mono-chromatic theme.

### **Final Assessment:**

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