

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

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Grade Level: Grade Four



Desired Learning Outcomes:

- Expose students to abstract art (the art of Pacita Abad)
- Experiment with blending colours
- Experiment with chalk pastel techniques
- Practice using a compass

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 blend colours with pastels?
- What happens when you blend complementary colours?

Materials:

- A selection of works from Pacita Abad's *Circles in My Mind* series
- Large black paper
- White glue
- Assorted chalk pastels
- Assorted tissue paper

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 how to use the compass to draw various sizes of circles.
5. Have students draw a composition of circles on the black paper. Once they have drawn the circles they need to trace their lines with the white glue. Let dry.

Lesson 2:

1. Demonstrate how to blend colours.
2. Have students colour in their circle compositions with the chalk, being sure to blend colours.

Final Assessment:

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