



Healing Through The Arts®

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hope and inspiration through the arts.

Art, Lesson 3 – *Painting with Scissors*

Lesson goal – To develop imaginative and creative design skills

Target students – All levels

Learning Objective – Students will identify Henri Matisse through web inquiries or books from their public libraries, and predict a logical outcome based on information in the research to explain why he switched to using scissors

Outcome – Students will identify and describe the characteristics of various objects in their own life that brings them joy, and create a paper collage of an object that evokes a positive or happy memory

Standards – The following educational standards are addressed in this lesson:

- Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes
- Using knowledge of structures and functions
- Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas
- Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures
- Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others
- Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines

Materials / Resources – The following resources will be required for this lesson:

- Colored paper (such as construction paper)
- Magazine clippings
- Background paper
- Scissors
- Glue

Description of Lesson (recommended duration: determined by level and intensity of program)

1. Students will begin lessons with the artwork of Henri Matisse presented digitally or printed depending on the means of the department.
2. Students will conduct web searches when possible to further explore the artist's catalog for context.
3. Students should discuss and reflect on health issues that may have been a turning point for Matisse.
4. Students should complete a collage with cut paper that represents an object that brings them joy or peace in their lives.

Reference:

- Icarus (1947), Japanese Mask (1950), The Snail (1953). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qInBcaZEGb0>