Lesson Title: Going Round and Round

Arts Content Focus: Visual Art Non-Arts Content Focus: Math

Lesson Summary

2-3 sentence lesson "snapshot":

Early Learners view the collages of Latinx artist Beatriz Milhazes then explore negative and positive space by using circles to create their own collage composition.

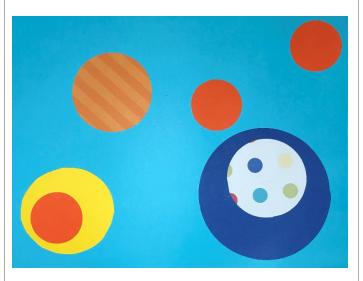
After learning about the artist, students develop scissor skills by cutting lines and circles from pre-printed bright colored papers.

Next, they arrange these shapes on bright colored background paper by placing circles near or inside each other. Last, they securely glue down their shapes.

Students reflect on the Math and Art of their compositions by accurately counting circles that may vary in size and may be placed on the inside of another circle.

Photo

What does this work look like? Student work examples:



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Who & Where

Author(s): Gloria Gonzáles García

Cultural Identity of Author(s) - Chicanx

Learning Setting: Early Learning

Student Age Range: 4-7 years old

Time Needed: 1 hour

Materials Needed: See Relevant Resources.

below.

Community Collaboration

What actions can I take to include and invite:

Local Artists:

Invite/connect with local artists, museum educators, college arts/cultural studies teachers and art students from a variety of levels (Middle school, High School, College).

Elders and Families:

Invite elders to share knowledge about design/shape/space and math applied in traditional Latinx art and craft forms. Ask family to make and exhibit their art alongside students as part of a special celebration or family night.

Languages: Dual Language students;

Spanish/English/ Other.

Big Idea(s) & Key Concepts

What concept matters most to my students? For example: Pattern; Active Voice; Volume; Collaboration.

Shapes can be defined by the NEGATIVE SPACE that surrounds them.

4. Accurately counts shapes, recognizing each

regardless of size and placement.

Skills & Thinking Briefly describe the arts and non-arts content goals. *See Related Resources for a sample of selected standards. 1. Cuts shapes with scissors. 2. Makes a composition with positive and negative space. 3. Makes a collage. Looking for Learning What will we see and hear that shows student learning? 1. Practices cutting techniques, cuts designated shapes. 2. Makes compositions with circles that do not touch or are inside of other circles. 3. Glues shapes down securely in collages.

4. Finds and counts shapes in art.

Lesson Step-by-Step Time **Teacher Script** Looking for Learning What do you want your students to Needed Describe what it is you are going to do. For know and do? For example: Arrange; example: Demonstrate; Question; Listen; Participate, earning with Students Respond; Express; Copy; Perform. SESSION Introduce the works of Brazilian artist. Beatriz Identifies the geometric shape as ONF Milhazes, and SHAPE as an Element of Art. circles and talks about their 5 minutes: placement. Beatriz Milhazes is a Brazilian artist and is Students sit known for her bright and colorful, in circle. kaleidoscopic collages and paintings which draw on both Latin American and European traditions. She is influenced by patterns she find on clothes, fabrics, pottery, and buildings. Celebrations, music, and geometry are also a part of how she makes her art. Ask students to notice shapes: Especially the size and location of circles. Introduce the concept of POSITIVE and NEGATIVE SPACE. 10 minutes: Demonstrate how to use scissors to cut pre-Recognizes how to hold scissors printed circles. Students practice holding correctly: Students scissors correctly, then practice cutting on Cuts "smoothly" and follow the watch demo different LINE TYPES—opening the blades, in circle and placing the paper where the blades hinge and different line types (on practice move to squeezing, opening the blades, sliding the end handouts) accurately. work areas of the cut to the hinge and squeezing to cut,

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Watch a video of this lesson and find more teaching resources at: https://www.arts.wa.gov/creative-start-studio/.

and repeat.

to practice

cutting.

5 minutes	Demonstrate and guide cutting CIRCLES by following the lines and turning the pre-printed papers. student practice.	Cuts shapes that appear circular and have smooth cuts/edges.
SESSION TWO 5 minutes:	Explain what COLLAGE is—papers are cut or torn, then glued down to make a design. Ask students to choose and cut out a	Chooses the (designated) number, color and size of circles they plan to use and cuts the circles out.
Students sit in circle. Students move to work areas to cut circles.	specified number of circles of different sizes (possibly 3 or 5 or 7).	
5 minutes: Students	Show students how to use a glue stick and how to glue papers to the base paper.	Cares for glue sticks— replenishing by twisting what they need and re-capping when
move to a circle to watch arranging and gluing composition.	Demonstrate how to run the glue stick along the back edge of a circle, then turning it over and rubbing it down so it is secure.	not in use.
2 minutes	Teach the words/concept and show examples of positive space/shapes and negative space around shapes. Explain how the space around a shape helps us see what the shape is.	Arranges circles near or inside each other without the edges touching to define the negative space that surrounds them.
	Explain that our shapes may be placed near each other but not touching, or shapes may be glued inside a larger shape but not touching edges. That way the whole shape can be seen (we can see negative space all around it).	
3 minutes: Students move to work areas to arrange and glue collage.	Instruct students to plan where they want all circles placed in their COMPOSITION— arranging them on the base paper—before they glue the shapes down. Ask them to show space around (negative space) their shapes before they glue.	Views composition as complete and points to negative space around circles prior to gluing down shapes.
10 minutes	Help students complete their collage by gluing all cut shapes down. Emphasize gluing the edges securely.	Demonstrates good craftsmanship with secure edges.
SESSION THREE 3 minutes:	Review positive and negative space and the process of making a collage.	Shares knowledge.
Students gather to view art (on display or in front of each child in a circle).		

5-10 minutes	Guide students in looking at their collages as a group.	Describes and counts shapes in compositions.
	Ask students to count and compare circles in their compositions.	

Reflection on Learning

What did students say and do to show learning? Where were students successful? What were some barriers and challenges?

Students practiced cutting skills and arranged a circle composition showing negative space.

Students glued circle shapes down securely to create a collage.

Students reflected on their own and peer's art by counting shapes in art.

Next Steps

How will you celebrate student successes? How will you address identified barriers and challenges?

Use pre-printed circles on assorted bright copier paper (astrobrights) cut in halves, that Early Learners can collage as semi-circles and/or mix two different colored/patterned halves to form a whole—counting whole circles recognizing whole and half.

Combine with other geometric shapes (curvilinear or rectilinear) and track two separate counts. Or, combine with non-geometric shape, recognizing the attributes of different shapes. Allow shapes to overlap on the edges of shapes.

Materials Needed

Art Supplies:

- PDF template of assorted size circles (timvandevall.com); Pre-printed circles on assorted bright copier paper (astrobrights)*
- o 9" x 12" or 9" x 9" assorted colored cardstock
- Base/background paper (astrobrights);
- Scissors; glue sticks;
- White copier paper with pre-printed lines (straight, curved, wavy, and zigzag) to practice cutting skills

OPTIONAL: Patterned papers—scrapbook, origami, marbled, or pastel papers; Recycled papers: newspapers, magazines, or wallpaper samples. *Educators may opt to provide precut shapes.

Standards

Note: Standards are intended as a guide to encourage developmentally appropriate, complex thinking in the arts and beyond. Notice the emphasis on creating, performing, responding, and connecting (as opposed to creating an object or product only).

Relevant Sample Standards:

Visual Art

Performance Standard (VA:Cr1.2.3)

a. Apply knowledge of available resources, tools, and technologies to investigate personal ideas through the artmaking process.

See more Visual Art Standards here.

Math

Reason with shapes and their attributes.

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Distinguish between defining attributes (e.g., triangles are closed and three-sided) versus non-defining attributes (e.g., color, orientation, overall size); build and draw shapes to possess defining attributes.

See more Math Standards <u>here</u>.