Teach art principles & feel free to adapt this to you — creativity is encouraged for both teachers & students.



Cherry Cheesecake

Ages: 5-16

Materials:

- Canvas or mixed media paper
- Acrylic paint
- Brushes (flat and round)
- Reference photo of cheesecake (optional)

Art Techniques:

• Acrylic Blending
• Layering Paint
• Shadow Mapping

Art Principles:

• Form
• Balance
• Light and Shadow

Instructions:

1. Sketch the composition using a reference image of cheesecake. (simplify shapes for younger students)
2. Block in major color areas: background, table, plate, cheesecake. Use a limited color palette of no more than 5 colors. (white, red, yellow, black, +)
3. Build up cherry topping and crust using layering and highlights.
4. Add shadows under the plate and fork to give depth.
5. Use contrasting red and pink tones to create visual interest.
6. Challenge advanced students to adjust lighting for realism.

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