

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



Best Friends

Ages 5-12

Materials

- 11X14 canvas or heavy paper, pencils, acrylics.

Art Techniques

- Blending
- Dry brush

Art Principles

- Texture
- Composition
- Value
- Balance

Instructions:

1. Do guided drawing of cow's head and neck and the bird. Instruct students to make the ears almost touch the sides of the paper. Students should draw small circles and pupils for the cow's eyes, close to the top of the head. This will help to create a humorous look to the cow.
2. Students will draw the basic shapes of the flowers at the sides.
3. Start out with painting the sky. If a texture is desired for a more rustic look, students can dab the blue paint on or use a small sponge to gradually cover the paper.
4. As students paint the cow, instruct on adding a bit of white into the black paint to create a dry brush texture, not using water, and still showing some brushstrokes.
5. Once the paint is dry, students can go back in and make corrections on the face as needed.
6. Students can then paint the bird and flowers. Use a small brush or marker to put in the bird's legs and flower stems.