

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



**Bright Koala**

**Ages:** 5-12

**Materials**

- Canvas, acrylics, paintbrushes, watercolor paper, colored pencils, pastels (optional), pencil, permanent marker, hot glue gun, paper towel, scissors

**Art Techniques**

- Layering
- Blending
- Mixed Media
- Contour lines
- Character Illustration
- Abstract

**Art Principles**

- Emphasis
- Balance
- Movement/ Rhythm
- Pattern/ Repetition
- Overlapping

**Instructions**

1. Paint canvas using blue & white acrylic paint, keeping the strokes horizontal. Dry.
2. Paint branch using different shades of brown acrylic paint. Dry.
3. Paint leaves using various shades of green acrylic paint. Make sure to overlap branch. Let dry.
4. Lightly sketch out koala on watercolor paper w/ pencil, then trace sketch w/ permanent marker, filling in eyes, nose, hands & feet.
5. Wet the sketch w/ water & brush, have student randomly fill in sketch w/ bright colors of their choice. Blend the colors together, & show different techniques of blending, including adding splatters, blotting, & making areas darker in color. Dry.
6. Do Koala details w/ white paint markers (or pastels). Add highlights to eyes/nose, & fur texture.
7. Cut out koala sketch w/ scissors & hot glue directly onto painted canvas.