

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



Pattern Pet

Ages: 5-12

Materials

- Heavy paper, markers, pencil, white gel pen, and black permanent marker

Art Techniques

- Blocking in shapes
- Outlining
- Pattern/Repetition
- Color Theory
- Geometric Shapes

Art Principles/ Elements

- Pattern/Repetition
- Color
- Line
- Balance

Instructions

1. Use your pencil to gently draw the big, simple shapes of your pet in the middle of your paper. Additionally, draw some simple shapes in the background, such as blocks, circles, and lines. These shapes and lines can overlap your dog.
2. Once you like your pencil drawing, trace all your pencil lines with a thick black permanent marker. Make your lines strong and clear.
3. Pick your brightest markers and fill in each section of your pet and the background with a solid, bold color. Try using different colors next to each other to make them stand out! At least have two spots of the same color for balance and leave a few spots empty (white).
4. After your colors are dry, grab the same color marker, a shade darker, to add patterns inside some of your colored sections. Specific markers will even get darker with another layer; therefore the same markers will work well for this step. The darker shades will require the use of a white gel pen to add patterns, and the empty spots can be filled with patterns using grey or black markers.
5. Draw the eyes to complete the face and fill in the nose with a black marker.