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



Fall Racoon

Ages: 8-12

Materials

- Canvas, acrylics, pencils, watercolor paper, watercolors, glue, permanent markers

Art Techniques

- Acrylic paint blending
- Watercolor blending

Art Principles

- Texture
- Shape
- Balance

Instructions

1. Instruct students in drawing the racoon head, the arch shape for the hole, and the racoon paws. Advise them to use almost the whole width of the canvas.
2. Students will sketch the lines for the patterns on the racoon's head.
3. Next, they will paint the patterns on the racoon's head with grey and black. They can paint small lines of darker grey for fur lines.
4. Next, they will paint the eyes and paws black, leaving a dot for the highlight on the eye, and paint a light grey highlight on the paws.
5. Students will then use shades of light brown, rust and darker brown to paint vertical lines on the tree underneath the racoon. They may also do a spiral shape for the knot in the tree.
6. Paint the tree hole black.
7. If time allows, students will draw about 8 or 9 oak leaf shapes on watercolor paper, and paint them with watercolors in yellow, orange and red tones. They can add leaf veins with a marker. They will then cut them out and arrange and glue them on the painting. Some can have a paper tab on the back to make them "pop out."

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