

Still Life Drawing with Colorful Designs

1st - 4th Grade



Materials Needed:

Display My Art drawing paper, pencil, magic markers, craft/acrylic paint or colored pencils, black magic marker

Instructions:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This lesson plan features a very simple drawing created with just a few shapes and lines, then filling in ALL of the spaces you have created with different BRIGHTLY colored designs. We are drawing a coffee mug, but if your student doesn't want to draw a mug, they can draw a simple vase with flowers in it using ovals and a few curved lines as well. The important part of this lesson plan isn't the subject of the still life that they draw, it's the bright colors and designs they use in all of the open spaces they create!

1. CREATING YOUR MUG: In pencil, draw a straight horizontal line about one third away from the bottom of the page. This will show the end of your "table top". Next, draw an oval shape in the top half of your paper. From the 2 ends of the oval, draw curved lines going down to the middle of the table-top. Connect these two lines with a slightly curved line. This is the main body of the coffee mug. Next, draw an oval shape just before the bottom of your mug. This is the saucer or plate that the mug sits on. Erase any overlapping lines you may have created. Now, on the side of your mug, draw a half circle, then draw a slightly smaller half circle right inside of the first one. This will be your mug handle. Lastly, draw a curved line (in the shape of an upside-down smile) inside the top oval shape of your mug to show the coffee inside and some squiggly shapes going up to look like hot steam. Your finished mug should look similar to the black and white line drawing above.

FOR THE VASE: Do a similar simple line drawing, starting with an oval, then using curved lines to finish and connect the shape as shown above. Add flowers in the vase. Your drawing should look similar to the line drawing above.

2. COLORING THE DESIGNS: With brightly colored markers, craft paint, or colored pencils, draw and color a different design in ALL of the spaces created in your mug, on the table-top, and the wall behind the mug. You can use different shapes and lines to make all kinds of different patterns, or even create your own patterns with little pictures (like the flower pattern on the sample mug shown above). Making each design different and colorful only makes your creation more vibrant and exciting, so use your creativity and have fun with your designs!!

3. When you are all finished with the coloring portion, outline all of your lines and shapes with a black or dark colored magic marker to help make your designs stand out. Outline your mug and saucer as well.

4. DON'T FORGET TO PUT STUDENT NAME AND YEAR ON THE DRAWING, at least one inch away from the edge of their artwork.