

JUNE: Paper Weaving

Art Appreciation with Rainbows

Essential Question: How can I celebrate belonging with rainbows & paper weaving?





Supplies Needed	Art Vocabulary:	Learning Targets:	Meets WA Learning Standard:
Construction paper, all colors	Pattern	Students will understand how to weave paper.	
White drawing paper	1		
Sharpie markers			
glue			
scissors			
tape			



Instructions:

- To celebrate PRIDE month inJune, talk to students about what PRIDE month is, and why it is celebrated. You can watch a 2 min video about PRIDE celebration here.
- If celebrating PRIDE isn't right for your class, you can celebrate friendships, belonging, and or the start of summer with rainbows.
- Start by giving students white paper and a black sharpie marker. Ask students to fill the paper with rows and rows of patterns.
- The size and number of patterns is up to each student. For younger learners, the size of the patterns can be larger, for older learners, challenge them to fill the page with many patterns or intricate drawing.
- When the black and white pattern paper is complete, ask students to cut approx. 1" strips (cutting lengthwise) but stop cutting about 1" from the top of the paper.
- Using colored construction paper (all colors of the rainbow) cut lengthwise into 1" strips.
- Next, tape the top of the uncut patterned paper at the top with painters tape. Starting at the top, near the
 taped area, have students weave one piece of colorful construction paper over and under the patterned
 paper. Then, using a different colored paper strip, weave again, but the opposite, under then over.
 Repeat until the whole page has been woven.
- To keep in place, tape the top and bottom. Then glue the weaving to a substrate paper and remove the tape. Cut off the edges.

Pro Tips For Success:

- For younger learners, have students cut their whole patterned paper the long way. If you want to collect the papers and cut them on a cutting board, that's okay too. Have students lay the strips about .5" apart and place a piece of painter's tape along the top (shorter) length of the paper.
 - You could also have color strips pre-cut to 1"
- You could have students draw their patterns with black crayons, pens, or color pencils if you don't want to use black sharpies.
- Consider your time. You might want to do this project in two parts: draw the patterns and collect the drawings for part one. Then paper weaving for part two. Alternatively, you could do **smaller pieces of paper to do this project in a shorter amount of time.
- For older students, you might have them do highly detailed drawings or patterns and cut the colored strips smaller (or in wavy lines). The more intricate the patterns, paper and lines, the more interesting the art will be!