

# 20 Minute\* Art Projects

No fuss projects  
With little set up & clean up  
Just set it out and let kids play!

\*Remember to consider the size of the paper to accommodate the time you want to spend

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# Doodle Art Ideas

paper, pen, sharpie



All Ages  
**Cute Doodles**  
Draw simple shapes.  
Add eyes, mouth,  
and details.

[Video link](#)



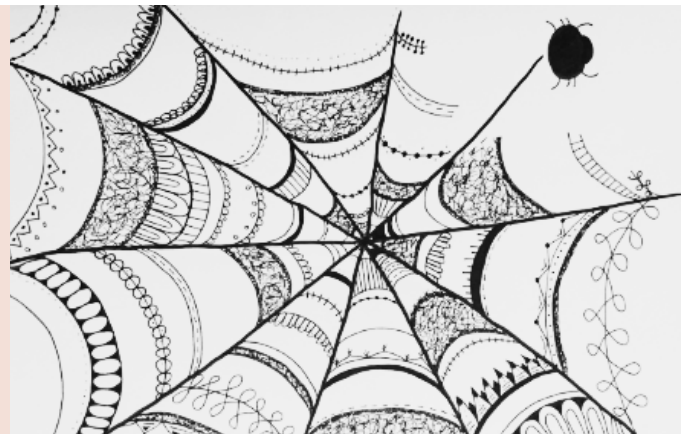
All Grades

## **Abstract Doodle**

Students create a continuous line drawing in a swirling motion, then fill in all or some of the sections with different techniques or designs.

## Grades 2+ **Spider Web doodle**

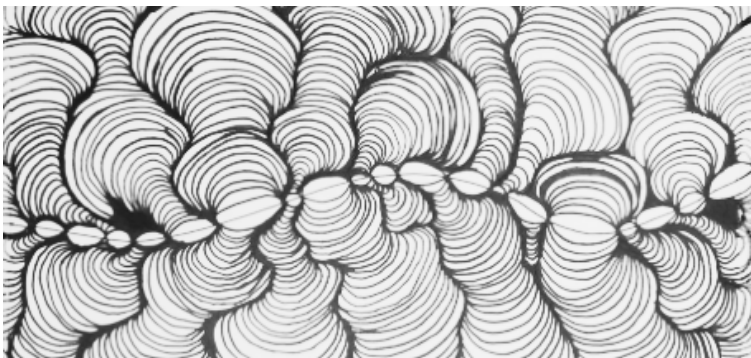
Start with a dot on the page near the center.  
Draw lines from the center point out.  
Then, create arches in each of the sections.  
Last, fill in each section.



Grades 5+

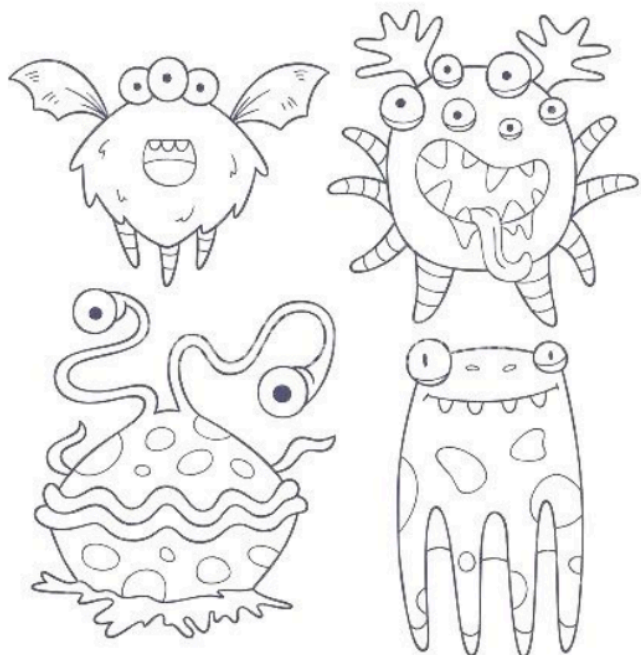
## **Bubble Line Doodle**

Start with wavy line down the center.  
Draw circles along the line.  
repeat the curve of the circle on either side. Thicken some lines.



# Monster Art Ideas

paper, pencil, sharpie, colors



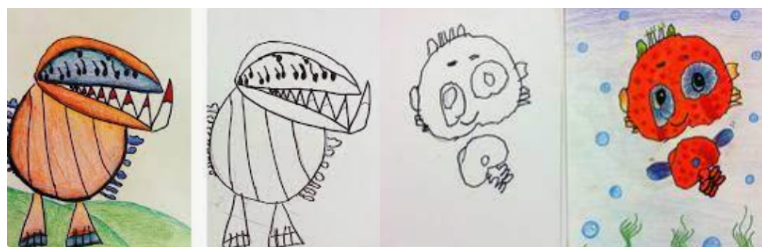
## Individual Monster:

Think of the monster as 3 parts: a head, a body, and the lower body which includes feet, legs, tails, etc. Get creative!



## Exquisite corpse:

One student folds the paper into three sections so that they only see the section they are drawing on. When they are done, they pass it onto the next student being careful not to reveal their work.



Adding color makes a big difference!

**Notes:** Prompt the students for each section with questions.

Head: What does the head look like? Does it have eyes, ears, teeth, antennas, antlers, etc.

Body: Does it have arms, fins, scales, wings?

Lower body: What does the body look like? Legs, feet, a tail, stinger, spikes...?

\*\*\*You can also choose other themes besides monsters, such as insects or birds.

This is a good project for sharing when they're completed. \*\*\*



# Oil Pastel Art Ideas

paper, oil pastel, tape  
crayons, paperclips



All Grades

## Scratch Art

Using colorful oil pastels, and heavy hand (lots of pressure) fill the page with color blocks or bands. Then go over all of the color with black oil pastel. Use a paper clip to scratch out designs.



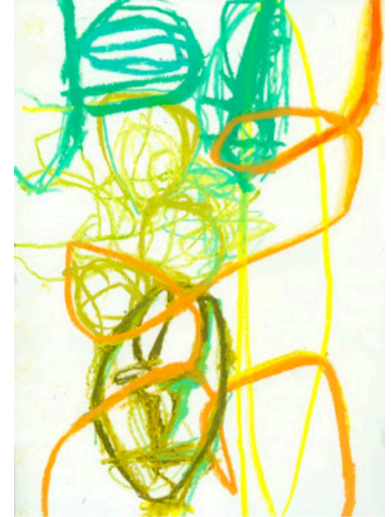
Grades 4+

## Blended Triangles

Use painter's tape, create triangles.

Fill in each triangle with two analogous colors.

Blend them together with a Q-Tip or folded piece of paper.



All Grades

## Abstracts with crayons and oil pastel

Scribble with various lines in oil pastel.

Blend with a similar color crayon.

Add crayon lines or fill in shapes with similar colors.

[Linked resource](#)



# Texture Rubbings Ideas

paper & chalk or charcoal



*Rubbings demonstrate the texture of an object. This is one of the oldest forms of printmaking. This exercise gets students thinking about the quality of our world and all the infinite variations of mark making.*

Students will find objects that are firm enough to get a relief image—a coin, leaves, wood, cloth, screens, buttons, shoe sole, etc. You can also come into the class with objects the student can choose. A variety of leaves should suffice.

- Students place thin paper (like printer paper or newsprint) over a hard object and rub over the object with chalk, charcoal, or chalk pastel revealing the texture and creating a relief.
- Students can add to their rubbing by layering textures and/or drawing on or around the textures.

**Notes:** Students can do this from their desk or walking around the classroom or school building or, even better, outside.

# Construction Paper Art Ideas

paper, scissors & glue



K-2nd

## **Torn Paper**

Perfect for younger learners. draw any object on paper. Have students tear smaller pieces and glue to fill in the shapes.



3rd-6th

## **Rolled Paper/Quilling**

Cut strips of paper.  
Roll the paper around a pencil.  
Glue the coil to a substrate paper and repeat to complete a scene or shape.



All Grades

## **Scales**

Fish, dragons, lizards, birds  
cut 4-5 pieces at a time into same shapes  
(half circle, circle or triangle).  
Glue different color pieces in layers.  
Add a head, feet, tail, etc.



All grades

**3D**

## **Sculptures**

Cut, fold,  
roll, and glue!

[video link](#)



All Grades

## **Paper Weaving**

Cut strips of paper,  
(larger for younger learners is best.)  
Lay strips 1-2" apart and tape at the top.  
Then over + under!



# Toilet Paper Roll Art Ideas



## ALL GRADES:

Keep the roll as is and use it as something to print with. Use Tempra, ink or acrylic paint.



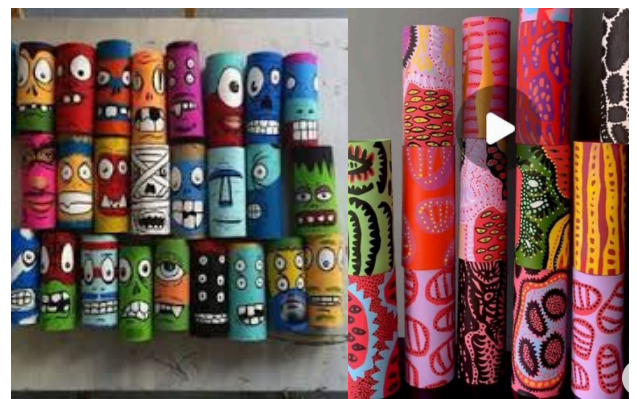
All grades: Use markers or paper to turn it into a person or animal



Grades 4th & up: Cut it and color it to make a plant. Add paper as needed.



All grades: Paint them with tempera. Then use as is to make an easy group sculpture.



All grades: Paint it (or wrap it with painted paper)



All grades:  
Draw on it.

# Toilet Paper Roll Art Ideas



All grades

Cut it (or bend it) and use it as something to print with



Grades 4th & up:

Cut it up and turn it into an abstract sculpture

[video link](#)



Grades 4th & up:

Cut it and make a building



Grades 6th & up:

Turn it into a face sculpture. This can be hard!

[Video link](#)



Grades 4th & up: Cut it and make a tree



Grades 4th & up:

Make a bird

[Video link](#)

