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Partner Mirror Drawing

STEPS:

1. Fold the large piece of paper in half.
2. In pairs, have students use a sharpie marker to draw abstract lines, curves, shapes.
3. Partner 1 will start at the top of the center fold and draw across the whole half of the paper. At the same time, Partner 2 will attempt to follow Partner 1's lines to mirror the lines.
3. Repeat with different colors and switch who follows who. Add lines, thicken curves, add details to complete the art.

Materials:

- Large drawing paper (we suggest 18" x 24" + if you have it)
- Sharpie markers
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Note: This project gets a "1" rating because it can be as easy or as complicated as you'd like. This requires very little set up and clean up. Best for grades 4+

Project Short Cuts

and Do Aheads

1. Consider introducing students to this concept by asking them to do this activity on their own first.

2. You can show students examples of Bilateral Mirror Drawing with this link: http://www.shinebritezamorano.com/2016/05/mirroring.html

Watch Out For...

1. Mirroring and following someone else is not always easy! This might take some cognitive flexibility for students. Remind students there is no way to mess up. Their marks might not perfectly align, and that's okay. It's fun to try. We recommend you demonstrate in front of the class how it is hard for you and show you can laugh at mistakes.

2. The most important part of this lesson is to keep it light and fun. Remind students they CAN'T make mistakes, just correct the line when they need to.