

Jackie's Art IDEA!

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NEWSLETTER

Ahhh...some Artist: Henri Matisse

Matisse (born in 1869 in France) had planned to become a lawyer but became a painter after a bout with appendicitis. While recovering in the hospital his mother brought him a set of paints...art instead of law became the focus of his life! One of the greatest modern artists, Matisse had a bit of competition going on with another famous artist of his time, Pablo Picasso. They had some spats but eventually came to admire and respect each other. Matisse traveled often but only owned one home, as he cared little about material goods and property. He had financial difficulties despite his popularity with several art collectors like the Cone sisters and Sergei Shchukin, a wealthy Russian. Shchukin was a textile manufacturer who purchased many of Matisse's major works. Matisse traveled to Morocco in North Africa in 1912 – a trip that had lasting influence on his art. Matisse was known for his use of rich, bright colors and fancy patterns, flat and abstract forms and graceful lines. He wanted to make art that was like a comfy armchair in which to relax. He said he wanted to make art that had balance and tranquility and that was free from any disturbing element. His art is loved by many for its lively harmonies and joyous spirit. You will see the familiar looking props in many of Matisse's works as he used them over and over again...look for a bird cage, a pewter jug or a Chinese vase when you look at his art!

The artist said:

"I have worked all my life before the same objects. The object is an actor. A good actor can have a part in ten different plays; an object can play a role in ten different pictures."

Even when Matisse was an old man, confined to a wheelchair or his bed, he still made art. His helpers painted large sheets of paper in colors he loved. He cut shapes out of the paper and directed his helpers in the placement of the shapes on his "canvas"! His cut paper works are considered some of his finest art. Matisse died in 1954...can you figure out how old he was?

CHECK out the interactive site: www.artbma.org/education/matisse_kids_frame.html. It is a fun site!

Also check out these books:

When Pigasso Met Mootisse by Nina Laden
Henri Matisse by Mike Venezia

Matisse for Kids by Margaret Hyde
Cut Paper Play by Henri Sandi

ARTriva

(all puzzle answers next month!)

- What is a painting called that is created using pigment mixed with water, which is then painted onto a wall when the plaster is still wet?
a. dytych b. tresco c. fresobaldi d. fresco
- Who (with Picasso) is credited with having started Cubism? a. Mondrian b. Pollock c. Braque d. Cezanne
- What part of a brush is called the toe? a. the hairs b. the metal part holding the hairs, c. the tip of the handle d. the tip of the hairs
- In painting, what is a ground: a. the surface on which you paint b. any brown c. the surface on which you stand while you paint d. any earthy color

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message:

(easy)

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(hard)

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“Matisse Cut Out” Project Page

You will need:

Different colors/types of paper (construction, wrapping, tissue, etc.)
Glue or glue stick
Scissors

- Research and learn a little about Matisse, check out the art BMA website (p.1) and look for books in the library
- Cut shapes out of the paper – use geometric shapes like triangles and circles and also organic (freeform) shapes
 - Place your shapes on a piece of paper. Try different arrangements and color combinations.
- Remember colors opposite each other on the color wheel (purple/yellow, red/green and orange/blue) if placed next to each other or layered will “pop”!
 - Can you create rhythm in your artwork by repeating shapes, colors or patterns?
 - Glue your favorite composition

TALK ABOUT

Critique your art...What do you like about it? What would you change if you did it over? Does it make you feel happy or calm or crazy (or some other way?) when you look at it? Is that what you wanted when you started out?

Did you know Matisse was rarely satisfied with his work, although it brought great happiness to a lot of people?

- ✓ Check out the student art at www.jackiesart.com and sign up for workshops, too!

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First workshop at listed price, next workshop at 10% discount. 8th workshop/family is free!
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The wonderful sculpture exhibit continues until Jan. 22...don’t miss it!**

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Answers to last month’s ARTrivia

Famous Artists

1. Born in the UK, 1937 – David Hockney
2. Born in Wisconsin, 1887 – Georgia O’Keeffe
3. Pop artist – Andy Warhol
4. Sculptor, born in Sweden, 1929 – Claes Oldenburg

Score yourself:

18 possible correct answers

16-18 correct: EXTREMELY art smart
14-16: VERY art smart
12-14: Average art smart
<12: Maybe this month’s puzzles are easier!

Word Search

(over, down, direction)

ENVIRONMENT (1, 1, S)
EVERYDAY (13, 8, N)
EXAGGERATE (12, 1, SW)
GHOST (12, 9, W)
METAMORPHIC (3, 1, SE)
OLDENBURG (9, 15, W)
POPART (14, 1, S)
REPORTER (5, 14, E)
SCULPTURE (9, 9, NW)
SOFT (6, 5 NW)
SWEDEN (6, 8, SW)
TEXTURE (5, 1, SW)
THESTORE (1, 14, NE)
WIT (2, 7, N)

