

Lower Elementary Art

April 13-17

Hello Artists!

Have you ever wondered where your art supplies come from and how they are made? I want to share with you a video that shows how crayons are made! It's part of an episode of a show called Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. I watched this episode when I was your age and thought it was really cool to see where my crayons actually came from! You can fast forward the video to the time 5:30 to see the crayon making video.

[Mr. Rogers: How Crayons are Made](#)

I've also shared some videos on my page of fun things to do with crayons if you happen to have them at home, so you can check those out.

Art Challenges for Week 3:

Hue Matching Challenge

Did you know that hue is another word for color? Close your eyes and grab one of your crayons without looking (or markers or colored pencils). What color is it? Can you find anything in your house that matches that hue *exactly*? Give it a try!

To make it extra challenging you could give yourself a time limit and have someone time you. If you can't find anything that color in the time limit, try it again with a different color! It could even be a competition! I grabbed this crayon (the color is 'carnation pink') and I happened to find a gift box sitting around that was pretty close to that color.



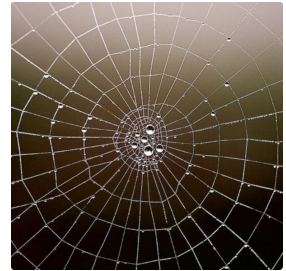
Art History Study and Sketching

Check out these videos that let you look at some paintings from the National Gallery of Art up close. Click on the name of the painting to watch a video that tells you about it (I suggest looking at “Saint George and the Dragon” and “The Shipwreck”): [Painting study videos](#)

Isn't it amazing how an artist can tell an entire story in just one picture? Can you do that?
Try sketching a picture that tells a story.

Make Radial Design Flowers

A radial design is one that expands in all directions from a common center. You can find many examples of radial design in nature. Here are some examples:



Flowers often have a radial design. Have you seen any flowers with radial designs outside?
Keep an eye out for them on your next walk.

Watch [this video](#) to see how I make radial design spring flowers by cutting pieces of paper and stacking them together. Have fun making some flowers (or other radial designs) to give to someone or decorate your room!

Spread the Joy of Art

Make a card and send it to someone you miss, or give it to someone you love. Making art for others is a wonderful way to spread joy and express our feelings.

I miss seeing all of your art! If you ever want to share your art with me I would love to see it - just email me a picture or we can set up an online chat!

Have fun creating, artists!