

Hot Air Balloon Sculptures (K/1st)

Week 1

THIS MONTH'S OBJECTIVES

- create a 3D mixed media art
- understand the importance of considering all sides
- design a creative balloon

MONTHLY PROJECT: Mixed Media Balloon sculptures

PROJECT BENCHMARKS:

WEEK 1: Intro power point; build balloon base and wire/aluminum form

WEEK 2: Add plaster to balloon; design balloon on paper

WEEK 3: Paint with acrylics (basket and balloon)

WEEK 4: Finish painting and add glaze

CLASS OUTLINE:

:00 Arrival Activity

Fill in the balloon with a custom design (markers), glue into journals

:05 Introductions and expectations

New month! Introduce anyone new...go over expectations and the space

Class expectations: Have fun, stay safe, respect studio, respect others

:10 What is mixed media?

Follow the powerpoint

Each artist will need his/her journal and a pencil/eraser

Explain that OUR mixed media subject will be 3D!

:20 Construct a pinch pot base

Most should know how to do this so it should be quick

Balls of clay should be baseball size or slightly smaller

Add texture if time allows

TEACHERS: Add names into the clay base using stamps

:30 Construct the balloon armiture

Might have to explain what an armiture is ;)

Each artist gets a 24in sheet of aluminum foil. Squish into a ball

Each artist gets 2-12in pieces of wire. Gently bend into a "U" shape

Lay the "U"s over the top of the ball perpendicular to each other.

Work in partners to get a piece of blue tape wrapped around the middle to hold it

:50 Putting it together

Gently push the wire into the clay basket

Trim wires as needed (I took about an 1in off of mine)

:00 Dismiss

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Work to learn everyone's names!

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CLASS OUTLINE:

:00 Arrival Activity

Find your "balloon"

:05 Demonstrate how to use the plaster cloth

Work clean...squeeze the cloth out over the buckets

Smooth out the cloth really really well...balloons aren't bumpy!

:15 Plaster application

Everyone should work on their balloons; encourage quiet work time

Once finished, they should clean up their area as best as possible

Have a table to place finished balloons

Finished artists can work on their designs in their journals

:45 Sharing time - share in-progress collages others to see/comment.

:55 Wrapping up

Clean hands and tables and FLOORS

Don't let the plaster droppings dry on the floors!

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CLASS OUTLINE:

:00 NO Arrival Activity

Find your balloon

:05 Get ready to paint

Paint shirts as needed

*Review good painting techniques (wash your brush out, dry your brush well,
only take small amounts of paints at a time, cover the surface etc)*

:40 STOP: Allow ample time for clean up!

:50 SHARING

If time allows, let the students share their in-progress sculptures

:55 Wrapping up

Clean hands and tables

:00 Dismiss

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CLASS OUTLINE:

:00 NO Arrival Activity

Find your balloon. Get your water jar, paper towels, etc

:05 Discussion

Discuss the almost-finished balloons to decide what's next

If it's more effective, use the OTHER classes' artwork as an example

(because people are less inhibited in their critique!)

:15 Finish paintings

Glaze once done and dry (ish)

:55 Wrapping up

PHOTOGRAPH ALL FINISHED WORK (with nametags)

Clean hands and tables

:00 Dismiss

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