ART ACTIVITY

INTUITIVE LAYERS

Studio Artist, Adriana Ameigh (Studio 216), layers energy and color in her expressive abstract paintings. Uncover colors and explore texture and mark making in a layered drawing of your own inspired by her work!

Age/Grade  K–12

Materials

• Paper
• Oil Pastels
• Black Tempera Paint or Acrylic Paint
• Dish Soap
• Foam Brush or Paintbrush
• Paint Palette
• Mark Making Tools: Sticks, Baking Scrapers, Spatulas, Fork, etc

Resources

Explore Adriana’s colorful world on her website!

More to Explore

Drawing with Found Objects: Adriana often uses baking and kitchen items to create her marks in her paintings! Collect objects from your home and out in nature to use as mark-making tools. What happens if you scrape a stick or a whisk on the paint layer? Dive into the junk drawer and think outside of the box!

Musical Marks: Adriana works intuitively, which she describes as the process of letting go of any idea of good art and having fun. Practice creating intuitively by playing your favorite song and creating designs and marks that inspire you!

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Artmaking Directions

1. Create a colorful, abstract background on your paper with the oil pastels. Fill the entire page, don’t be afraid to layer colors, and have fun!

2. Mix a small drop of dish soap in with the paint.

3. Using a foam brush, paint even layers of paint over the pastels until it is completely covered. Allow the paint to dry completely.

4. Scratch into the paint with different tools to create designs and reveal the color beneath. Express yourself with line and shape! Explore texture by using different tools to make marks and scratch away the paint.

5. For an added layer, color with oil pastels on top of the drawing and scratch designs through the pastels.

Advice from the Artist

Use freezer paper as a paint palette - tape it to a tray or piece of cardboard for more stability.

Avoid muddy colors by adding cool colors first then warm colors on top. When you mix complementary colors (yellow and purple, red and green, blue and orange) it produces muddy tones.

Create texture by trying out different tools! Adriana explores kitchen and baking utensils like scrapers, knives, and paper towel tubes.

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