

HENRI MATISSE: DRAWING WITH SCISSORS

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Integration Themes:

Art, Literature, Social and Emotional Learning, and Art History

Summary:

Keesia picks Henri Matisse for her artist report. She finds out that over his long career, Matisse made paintings, sculptures, books, costumes, and cut-outs, or what Matisse called “drawing with scissors.” As she studies Matisse, she finds out why he is considered one of the greatest artists of the twentieth century.

Materials:

Paper (any size, any color), scissors, glue or glue stick, and cardstock or cardboard for background.

Directions:

1. Select a cardstock or piece of cardboard for the background of the piece.
2. Choose an assortment of colored papers to work with.
3. Using your scissors or your hands, cut or tear shapes of various sizes and designs.
4. Lay out the different shapes on the backing board until you have an arrangement you like.
5. Glue the shapes into place.

