

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to create a unique piece of artwork using practical arts techniques.

Materials and Prep

- Canvas or heavy paper
- Paint brushes
- Acrylic paints
- Water container
- Palette or disposable plate for mixing colors
- Old newspaper or plastic sheet to protect your work area
- Apron or old clothes to protect your clothing
- Pencil and eraser
- Reference images or objects for inspiration (optional)

Before starting this lesson, familiarize yourself with basic painting techniques such as brush strokes, color mixing, and shading.

Activities

1. Choose a subject for your artwork. It can be a landscape, still life, or any object you find interesting.
2. Sketch the basic outlines of your subject lightly on the canvas or paper using a pencil.
3. Start painting! Use the acrylic paints to add color to your artwork. Remember to start with lighter colors and gradually build up to darker shades.
4. Experiment with different brush strokes and techniques to add texture and depth to your artwork.
5. Allow your painting to dry completely before making any final touches or adjustments.
6. Step back and admire your masterpiece!

Eighth Grade Talking Points

- "Art is a form of expression that allows us to communicate our thoughts, feelings, and ideas visually."
- "Practical arts, such as painting, are important because they help develop our creativity, problem-solving skills, and ability to think outside the box."
- "Acrylic paints are a popular medium for artists because they dry quickly, are versatile, and can be used on various surfaces."
- "When sketching, it's important to start with light outlines so that they can be easily erased or

covered by paint later."

- "Experimenting with different brush strokes and techniques can create interesting effects and add dimension to your artwork."
- "Allowing your painting to dry completely before making any final touches ensures that the colors won't smudge or blend unintentionally."