

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the homeschool student will be able to paint a cartoon character using acrylic paints with confidence and creativity.

Materials and Prep

Materials needed:

- Acrylic paints in various colors
- Paintbrushes in different sizes
- Canvas or heavy paper for painting
- Cup of water for rinsing brushes
- Pencil for sketching the cartoon character
- Palette for mixing colors
- Reference image of the chosen cartoon character

Before starting the lesson, it would be helpful for the student to have a basic understanding of color mixing and blending techniques using acrylic paints.

Activities

1. Choose a favorite cartoon character and find a reference image to use as a guide for the painting.
2. Sketch the outline of the cartoon character lightly on the canvas or paper using a pencil.
3. Select the appropriate colors and begin painting the character, starting with the background and then adding details.
4. Experiment with blending colors and adding shading to give the painting depth and dimension.
5. Allow the painting to dry and then add any final touches or details to complete the artwork.

Talking Points

- Discuss the importance of studying the character's features and expressions to capture its essence in the painting. "It's essential to pay attention to the unique characteristics of the character to bring it to life on the canvas."
- Explain the significance of color choices and how they can convey mood and personality. "The colors we choose can influence how the character is perceived, so let's think about what each color represents."
- Encourage the student to embrace creativity and personal interpretation in the painting process. "While we're using a reference image, feel free to add your own flair and style to make the painting unique."