Painter’s Tape Art

This lesson will allow students to practice creating art by marking off what will not be painted. This requires planning prior to mixing the first color.

Grade Level: 6 - 12th
Subject: Arts
Length of Time: 40 Minutes to 2 Hours Depending on Grade Level

Objectives & Outcomes

Students should be able to create a unique picture using painter’s tape and water color paints.

Materials Needed

Water color paper and paints, painter’s tape

Procedure

Opening to Lesson

- Explain that sometimes a painting is special for what is not painted.
- It is the negative space that truly tells a story or showcases the design.
- Explain to students that they will be creating a painting with tape first, then with actual paint.

Body of Lesson

- Have students use painters tape to create a design on water color paper or canvas (if available).
- Students can choose any design, but make sure some detail is present.
- After the tape has been placed firmly on the paper, allow students to paint around the tape.
- Have students be creative, mixing colors and creating an interesting array of colors.
- Allow paint to dry completely before carefully removing all tape, leaving the design.
- Add small shading or details to the design if desired.

Closing

- Have students display art pieces and explain how what was not painted became the focal point.
Assessment & Evaluation
The students will create a unique picture using water color paints and painter’s tape. The picture will be neat and well put together.

Modification & Differentiation
Special needs students may be given extended time or help with tape placement.

Related Lesson Plans

Flash Mob Fun
In this performing arts lesson, students will work together with a purpose to create and choreograph a dance for a flash mob to make an announcement for the school.

Mini Diorama
This visual arts lesson will allow students to share some personal interests in the form of a diorama. Sample rubric included.

Camouflage and Environment
Students will make butterflies of various colors and then they will experience the advantage that butterflies that are the same color as their environment have against predators.

Musical Masterpiece
In this visual arts lesson, learners will express emotion through painting, as elicited by music.