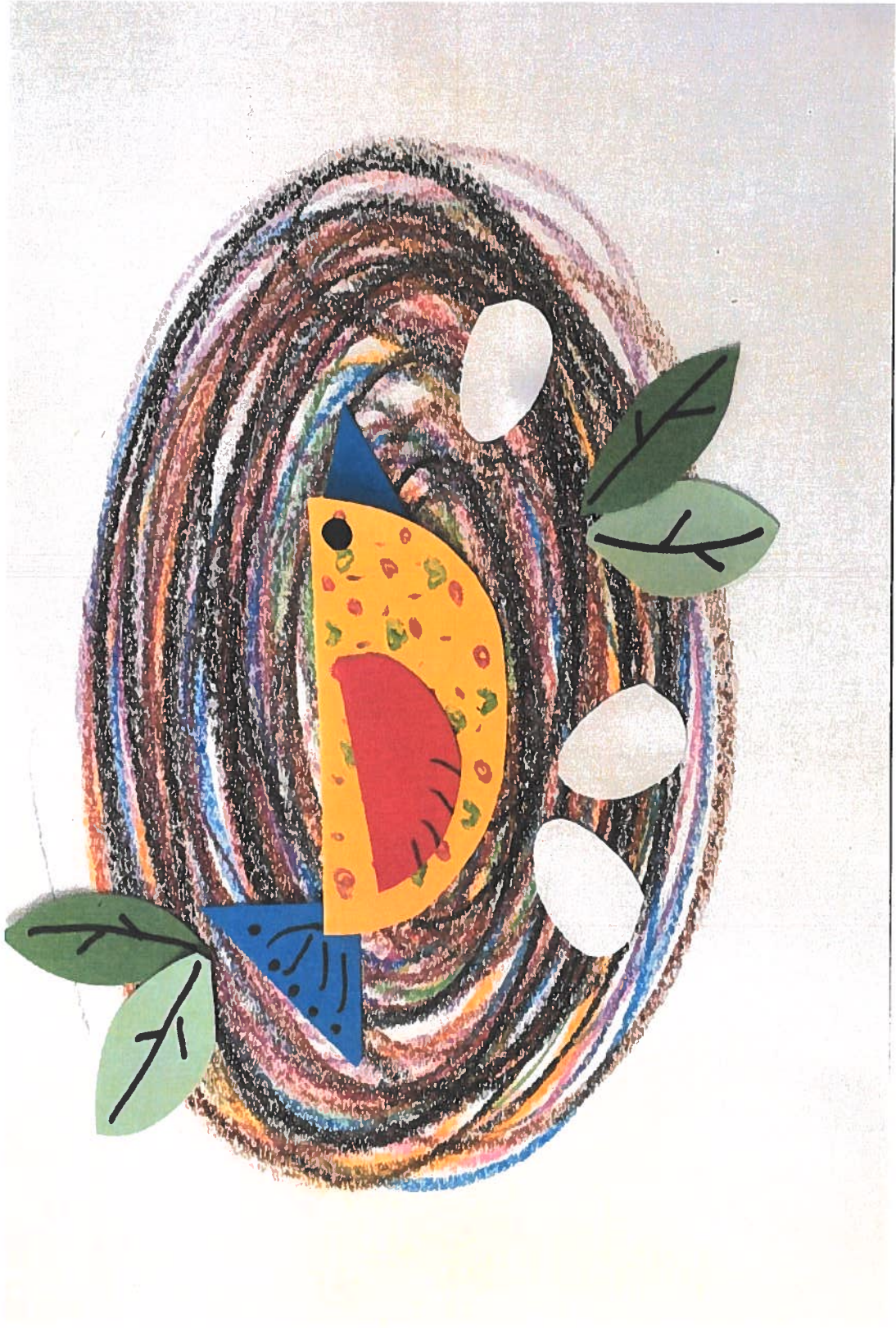


Bird nest collage

Using shapes in art



Supplies:

White paper, crayons, scrap paper, construction paper, magazine paper, glue, scissors

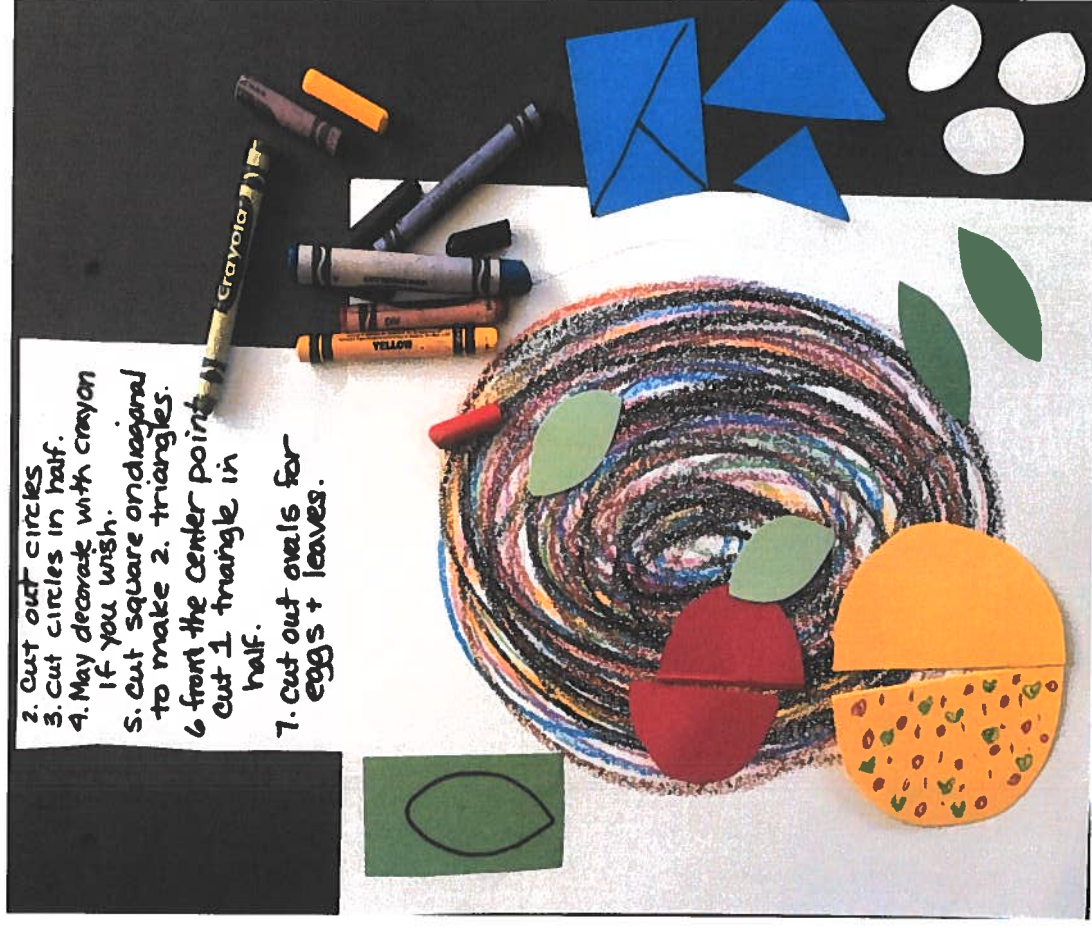
One 4" square

Two 2" squares...two different colors

Several rectangles of greens and white

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDclqlyWYy8&feature=share>

Directions:
Fold 4" circle into two equal parts. Cut in half on fold.
Repeat with one of the 2" squares.
Draw a line diagonally with remaining triangle.
Draw another line from corner point to line. cut on lines. Cut ovals for leaves



2. Cut out circles
3. Cut circles in half.
4. May decorate with crayon if you wish.
5. Cut square on diagonal to make 2. triangles.
6. From the center point cut 1 triangle in half.
7. Cut out ovals for eggs + leaves.

**Using crayons of your
choice, scribble an oval
repetitively to create a
colorful nest**



Glue one half of 4" circle onto nest, flat side up. This is the body. Decorate with markers or crayons if you wish.

Glue one half of 2" circle on top of 4" circle to make the wing. Decorate if you wish.

Glue smaller triangle on one side of 4" circle for beak. On opposite side glue larger triangle to make tail. Add an eye.

Cut out ovals for eggs, longer ovals for leaves and glue them on to the nest.

Happy Spring with
shapes!



Cherry Blossoms



This week: CHERRY BLOSSOMS!

Remember Hokusai's 36 View of Mount Fuji? Here is one of those prints that shows people in Japan at a cherry blossom festival. This is a festival celebrating spring. The people in this print are sitting outside having picnics and enjoying looking at all the beautiful white and pink flowers in bloom.



One of the 36 Views of Mount Fuji by Hokusai

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Cherry Blossoms wood cut print by Hiroshige

When Japan started trading with countries in Europe, many artists in Japan and Europe influenced each other. Many painters in Europe called the Impressionists started making their paintings a little bit like the Japanese artists they admired. Van Gogh was one of them. Here is a painting Van Gogh made of *Almond Blossoms* that bloomed in France:



Almond Blossoms by Van Gogh

Do you see any similarities between Hiroshige's print of *Cherry Blossoms* and Van Gogh's painting of *Almond Blossoms*?

Today we will make a cherry blossom painting.

Supplies:

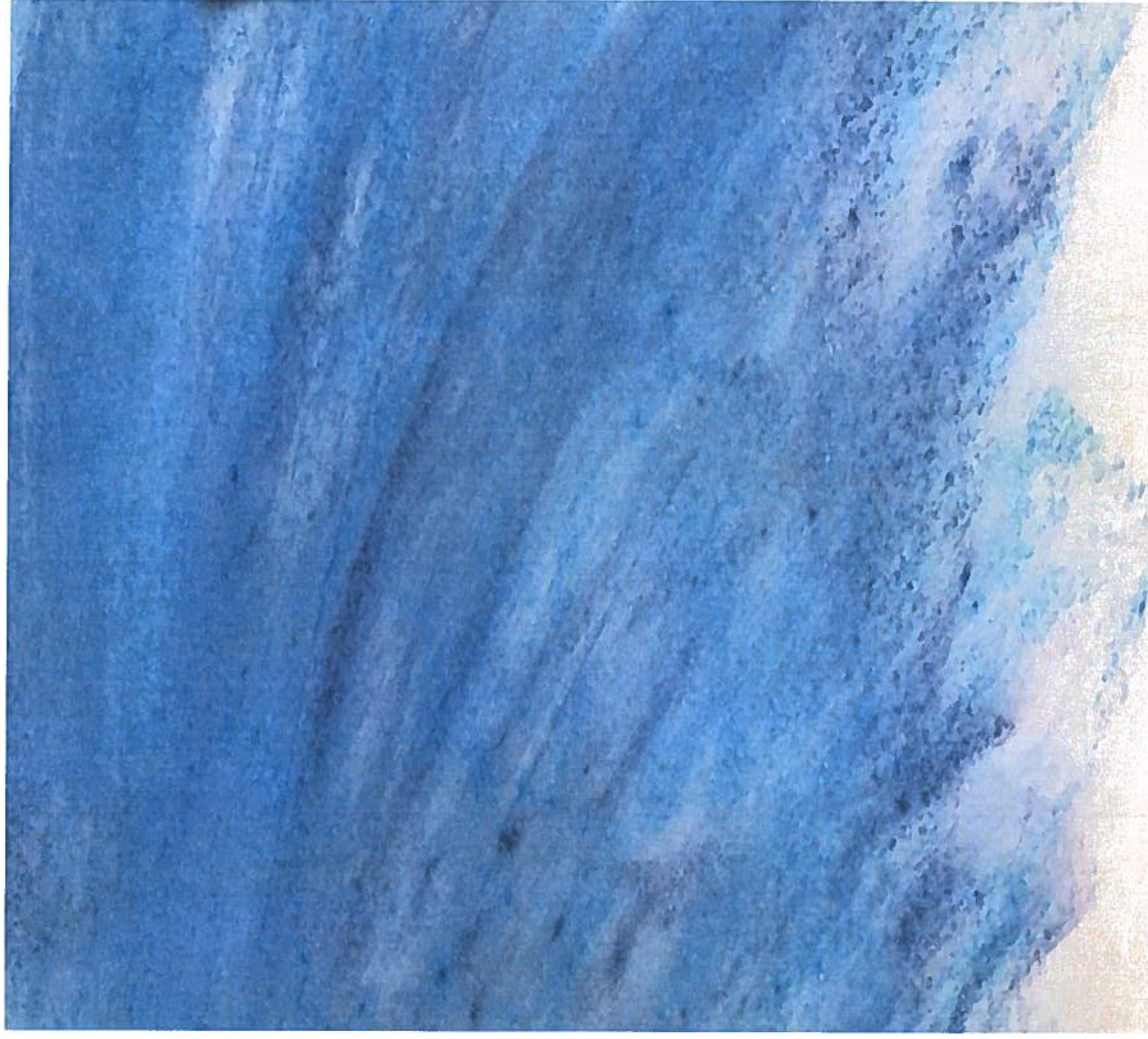
White paper

White and pink red and white) and black tempera paint

Brush, cotton balls

Chalk and Kleenex (you can substitute paint, crayon or colored construction paper) for your background.

Color your background using chalk, rubbed with kleenex. If you don't have chalk, you can use crayons, paint or colored construction paper.



**Paint a tree branch
using your black paint.
Branches are thinner
than the main limb.
Think of you branches
as letter Ys that come off
the main limb. Let it dry.**



Once your tree is dry, tap a cotton ball into pink paint. Tap it around your branches. Let it set for a few minutes. Using a fresh cotton ball, dip into white paint. Tap lightly onto the pink blossoms, until you are satisfied with your art.



Worry Dolls

Read the book [Silly Billy](#) by Anthony Brown

Or access on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/jd-dDvsHI60>

Materials:

Popsicle sticks (or sticks from outside), yarn, glue, markers, add ons: buttons, beads, sequins, cereal, cotton balls etc. scissors

The Gautama people created "worry dolls" a long time ago. The idea is to tell your worry to the doll before you go to bed, and then put it next to your bed or under your pillow. The "worrydoll" worries for you, so you can get a good night's sleep.

Approach 1.

Cut simple shapes(triangles, squares, rectangles) to glue on top of the popsicle stick. You can decorate them before you glue with marker or crayon. Glue them on to the stick. Add extra if you wish (sequins, buttons, cereal etc). Save room for the face. Draw a simple face with a marker. Add a hat or hair with glue.

Approach 2.

Leaving space for the head and hair/hat, saturate the stick with glue. Roll yarn around the stick, adding glue as needed. Change colors if you wish. Let it dry. You can trim off the extra yarn when it dries. If you wish you can glue add ons, or you can wait until it is dry. When dry, add a face, with marker, and hair or a hat using your add ons.

Give your doll your worry. Sweet dreams.yo



I also have directions on my YouTube site: Mrs. K's art class for kids