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Kinetic Garden Art

Make a bold and colorful mosaic-style garden decoration, a paper pinwheel that moves with the wind, with this art kit.



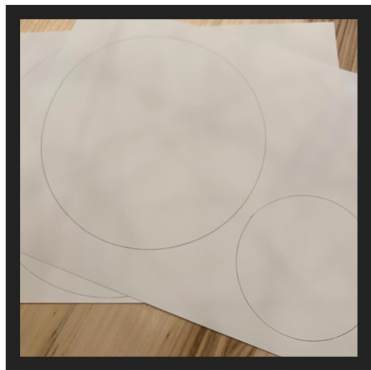
Ingredients (Included):

- 3 pieces watercolor paper
- One watercolor paint set
- One black crayon
- Metal brads
- Glue stick or glue bottle

You Supply:

- Round objects to trace
- Scissors
- Scrap cardboard
- Stick or dowel
- Tape or hot glue

1. Trace a small, medium, and large circle onto the watercolor paper. You can use plates, bowls, cans, cups, or anything round to make your circles. Just make sure there is an even distribution between the three sizes.



Then, cut them out.

2. Stack your three circles, largest on the bottom, smallest on top, and trace around them. You should end up with circles drawn in the middle of your largest circle and your medium-sized circle.



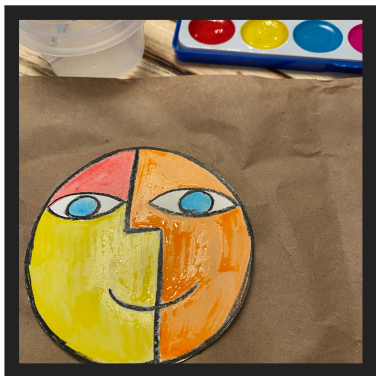
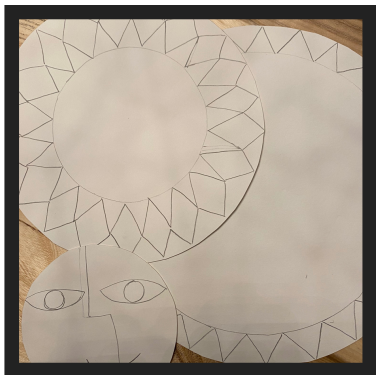
3. Sketch your images for the three circles, using a pencil.

If you're following our example, you'll sketch an abstract face on the smallest circle. On the middle circle, sketch a loose pattern on the outside border (leaving the inner circle blank).

On the largest circle, sketch the rays of the sun along the outside border, again leaving the inner circle blank. But you can draw whatever you want!

4. Outline all of your pencil drawings with the black crayon. Make bold, thick lines that will really stand out.

5. We'll add color with the watercolors next. Fill in the outlined shapes with whatever colors you like best. Decide on a theme, go for the rainbow, choose only cool or warm colors -- it's up to you! Be sure to protect your tabletop!



6. Cut along the rays (or whatever shapes you used) of your large circle. This will be the background of your piece.

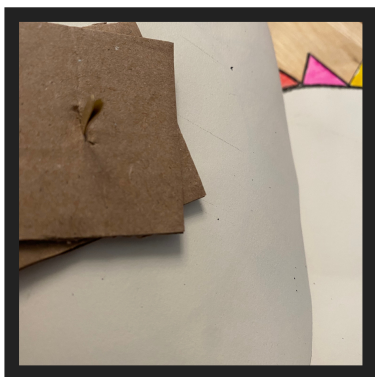


7. Stack the medium circle on top of the large circle and make a small hole that goes through the center of both. You can use the pointy edge of your scissors or the sharp point of an xacto knife. Be sure to get help with the sharp tools.



8. Cutout two 2inch x 2inch squares of cardboard from scrap and put a hole in the center of those, too. Again be careful with sharp implements.

9. Stack the large circle, the two squares of cardboard, and the medium circle, and pin together with the brad. The cardboard layer will help create dimension and allow the middle pieces to spin.



10. Cutout two more small squares of cardboard from scrap and glue them together.

11. Glue the cardboard on top of the middle circle, right on top of the brad. Then, glue the face on top of the cardboard.



Because of the dimension we added with the layers of cardboard, the middle circle can spin, along with the face.



12. Use tape or a hot glue gun to adhere a stick or dowel to the back of the largest circle, creating the perfect stand to go into a flower pot or garden bed.



This project was found as a sharable craft at Barley and Birch. The project is inspired by artist Celestino Piatti, a Swiss graphic artist and children's book illustrator.



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