

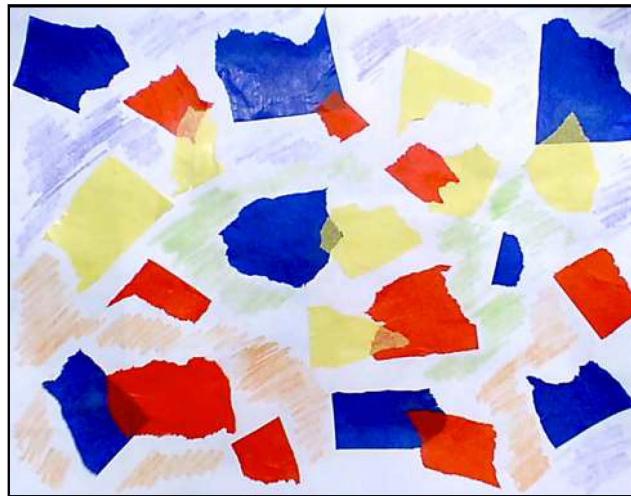


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“Little blue and little yellow”



Based on the book *little blue and little yellow* by Leo Lionni

Time from start to finish = 30 mins

You will need the following materials

- Glue Stick
- Crayons
- Watercolor paper
- Blue, Red, and Yellow tissue paper or construction paper

Brief project description: Students will create an abstract collage inspired by the children's book *little blue and little yellow* by Leo Lionni and the art of Mark Rothko.

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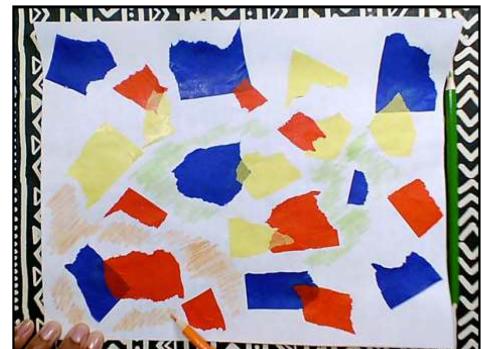
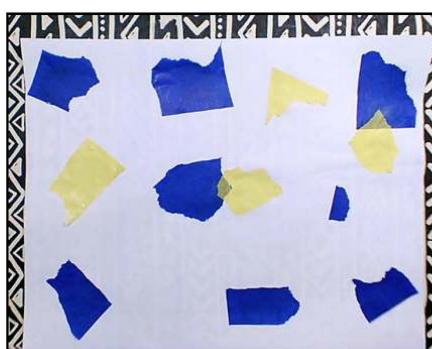
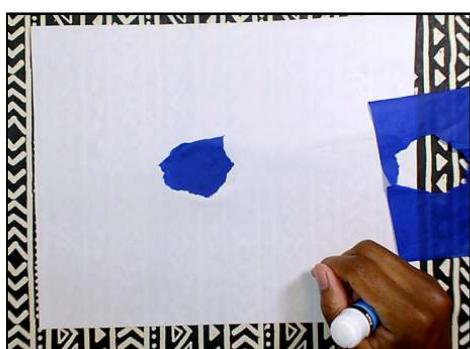
PART 1: Creating the collage

Steps

- #1: If you would like, follow along with the video on YouTube for a reading of *little blue and little yellow* by Lio Lionni and an art talk about Mark Rothko. Link: <https://youtu.be/rycl3B0zfmk> or scan the QR code below!

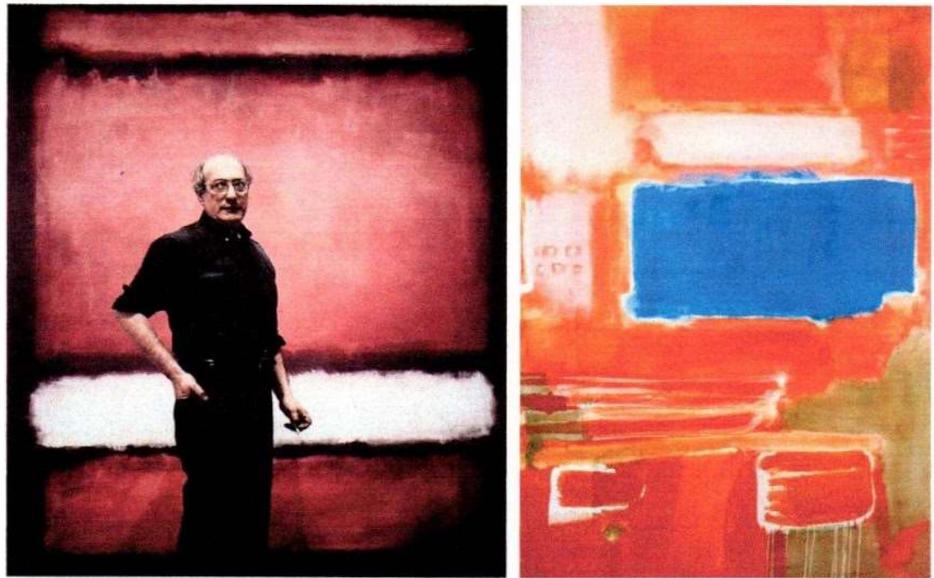


- #2: Begin by tearing small pieces of the tissue paper. As you tear, try tearing both quickly and slowly. What kinds of shapes do you get when you tear fast? What about when you tear slow? Try to make different shapes by tearing carefully to see what you can make!



- #3: After you have many pieces in various colors, begin using your gluestick to stick the small pieces to your larger white paper. Try rolling up the gluestick a small amount and placing a bit of glue down on your paper before you glue each piece. As you glue, try **overlapping** the pieces. This means placing one piece over another. What happens to the colors?

- #4: Once all of your pieces are glued down, or you have covered most of your white paper, begin using your crayons to make marks in the empty spaces. Try fast marks, slow marks, scratchy marks, and smooth marks. Enjoy your Mark Rothko inspired masterpiece!



Mark Rothko in his studio in front of his painting No. 7 & Untitled, 1948, Oil on Canvas



No. 16/12, 1949