

MONA

Museum of Northwest Art

Age: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Lesson Duration: 30 to 45 Minutes

Subjects: Geometry & History

Fabric Collage Self-Portraits

A HANDS-ON ART ACTIVITY
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Example by Lynn Prewitt

Materials

- Thick paper for backgrounds
- Glue (Elmers or fabric)
- Scissors
- Fabric scraps
- Yarn
- Example of Eve Deisher's work (included in this lesson plan)
- Optional for younger kids: Let's Make Faces by Hanoch Piven

Description

Students will learn about the work of textile artist Eve Deisher and create self-portrait collages based on her surreal art pieces.

Vocabulary

- ✓ Shape
- ✓ Self-portrait
- ✓ Collage



Above: Eve Deisher - Thou Shalt not be Afraid for the Terror by Night...(Psalm 91, verse 5), 1992, felt, charcoal, pencil and oil pastel, mixed media

Image Source: Museum of Northwest Art

Instructions

- 1) Define a self-portrait and discuss Eve Deisher's work and history (information is provided on the next page). Find some shapes in her artwork.
- 2) Optional: Find more shapes while reading Let's Make Faces
- 3) Students can cut shapes out of fabric to plan out their faces on the thick paper.
- 4) Once they have the shapes where they want them, they can glue them on, adding yarn for small details like eyelashes.

Learning and State Standards

Fulfills **Washington State Arts Learning Standards:**

Pre K: VA:Cr1.2.PK Engage in self-directed, creative making.

K: VA:Cr1.1.K Engage in exploration and imaginative play with materials.

1st Grade: VA:Cr2.1.1 Explore uses of materials and tools to create works of art or design.

2nd Grade: VA:Cr1.2.2 Make art or design with various materials and tools to explore personal interests, questions, and curiosity.

3rd Grade: VA:Cr2.2.3 Demonstrate an understanding of the safe and proficient use of materials, tools, and equipment for a variety of artistic processes.

4th Grade: VA:Cr1.2.4 Collaboratively set goals and create artwork that is meaningful and has purpose to the makers.

5th Grade: VA:Cr1.1.5 Combine ideas to generate an innovative idea for art-making.

About the Artist

Eve Deisher (1954-2017) was a textile artist based in Washington State. Her surreal art pieces express a range of human emotions and are meant to evoke discomfort. Along with working in the studio, Deisher taught art at Skagit Valley College.

To learn more, please watch this three-part retrospective video series about the art and life of artist and teacher Eve Deisher. This short series encompasses Deisher's drawings and mixed-media fiber works.

PART I

PART II

PART III



Eve Deisher - Self Portrait, 1987, pencil, oil pastel and paint on paper
Image source: MoNA's website