Lesson By:

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Grade: 5

Subject: Visual Art

Date: May 22, 2026

Topic: Geometric Constellation Art

Notes: *Geometric shape animal templates included, see attached items

Brief Lesson Overview:

Students will use the element of line to create geometric shapes. Additionally, students will explore how colour can be used to create dark, spacey backgrounds contrasting with bright, glowing stars.

Materials Needed:

-White cardstock paper
-Acrylic paint - black, blue, purple, white
-Paintbrushes, toothbrushes
-Geometric shape animal templates
-White oil pastels
-Pencil

Learning Outcomes:

CP5.8

Create art works using a variety of visual art concepts and mixed media

Structure / Activity:

-Students will start with a small amount of purple, blue, and black acrylic paint. Starting with purple, make circular motions with your brush in the centre of the paper. Do the same with blue, blending the two colours together, and moving slowly towards the outside of the page. Next add the black, still blending in a circular motion towards the outer edge of the page.
-Once the paint is dry, choose one of the animal templates. Students can either copy the picture onto their page or do an image transfer by colouring with a white oil pastel onto the back of the template and then setting it on top of the painted paper, tracing firmly with a pencil on top of the template. It will transfer the animal image onto the painted paper. Remove the template and trace over the image with the white oil pastel to make it brighter. Anywhere the lines meet, make a circle shape for the stars.
-Finally, students can use a toothbrush to splatter white acrylic paint onto the sky to add extra stars.

Photo of Art Project:

Artist's Name:
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Assessment:

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