

Lesson Plan: Valentine's Card

Class: _____ **Teacher:** _____ **Date:** _____

Easy Peasy Level:

Beginner or Intermediate



Lesson Focus:

- Holidays and events: Valentine's Day
- Finger painting
- Elements of art: Value.

Evidence of Learning:

By completing this lesson, the student:

- Is able to describe the concept of value as being the lightness or darkness of a colour.
- Is able to mix small amounts of paint to gradually change the value of a colour.

Description:

In this lesson we create a simple Valentine's day card. We create an eye catching design using black marker before having fun with finger painting. By mixing the paint we also learn all about the "value" of colour. This means the lightness or darkness of a colour.

Easy Peasy Tips:

- 1 If you're not too confident in drawing your love heart, try drawing it in pencil first before tracing with black marker. Then use an eraser to rub out any mistakes.
- 2 If you don't have a black marker, use a black pencil and just press hard.
- 3 When mixing the paint, just remember that we will be adding a small amount of white paint for each lap of the heart. Don't mix the whole amounts together on the first go!

For The Teacher:

- This is a really simple way to teach the concept of "Value." Value is one of the elements of art and is a key building block in all artworks. Value describes the lightness or darkness of a colour. We can change a colour's value by adding black or white. In this artwork we will just be adding white to gradually make the colour lighter.
- If you're short on time, just remember the focus of the lesson is the concept of value. Simply begin with a pre-printed copy of our template.
- Try to discourage students from using loads of paint on their fingers as this will lengthen drying time.
- If sharing the paint between students, remind them that they will need to wait until everyone has done a lap of the heart before they change the value.



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You will need:

- White squares of paper approx 10cm x 10cm. One per student.
- A4 Red or pink card or stiff paper for the cards.
- Black markers.
- Glue sticks
- Small plastic saucers or containers to mix paint.
- Red or dark pink paint.
- White paint.
- Paper towel to wipe fingers.
- Newspaper or table covers to protect work surface.
- Paint shirts or aprons.

Creating your artwork:

- 1 Organise all of your materials including your 10cm x 10cm piece of white paper.
- 2 **Drawing:** Using your black marker, draw a large love heart shape as shown. Make sure that it takes up most of the space.
- 3 Add some swirls on the bottom of the heart and then some extra arches at the top as shown.
- 4 Add some extra curves to thicken the edges of the swirls.
- 5 Carefully colour these thickened areas.
- 6 Around the edge of the heart, carefully draw different length lines. Make sure they don't touch the heart.
- 7 Keep doing laps around the heart as shown using different length lines. Use short ones, long ones, small dashes etc. to make it interesting. Keep going until you have filled the square.
- 8 **Card:** Fold your coloured card in half and then carefully glue the heart design onto the front of the card. Be careful that you glue it the right way up and on the front!
- 9 **Painting:** Prepare your paints. You will only need a very small amount of paint per card.
- 10 Dip your finger in the red or dark pink paint. Don't mix in the white just yet! using your finger, carefully stamp around the edge of the heart as shown. Every 3 or 4 dots you will need to re-dunk your finger in the paint.
- 11 Keep going until you have done one full lap.
- 12 Now dunk your finger into the white paint. Mix a small amount of white paint into the darker colour. If the colour doesn't look much different, add a little more white until it looks lighter.
- 13 Now do another lap of the heart with your lighter colour. Try and overlap your dots with the first colour to mix the paint.
- 14 Mix more white into the paint to make it lighter then complete another lap. Once again, overlap the previous colour. Remember to try and keep it in the shape of a heart.
- 15 Your final colour will just be the white. fill in the middle of the heart with white dots as shown.
- 16 Set your card aside to dry. Once dry, write your message inside and give it to that special someone.

What do you like about your artwork? What would you do differently next time?



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Teacher Evaluation / Comment:



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