Optical Illusion Watercolor Art Project

Materials:

12” x 18” white paper

Watercolors and water dish

Ruler

Circle templates

Black ink marker or oil pastels for drawing

Directions:

1. Trace around three circle templates (all the same) about 5” to 6” in diameter on the 12” x 18” white paper.
2. Use the ruler to divide the paper. Use lines that will create an optical illusion.
3. Students may find it easier to divide the paper first with four sections and work the lines out from there.
4. When all drawing is completed, discuss the effect of warm and cool colors. Cool colors recede: warm colors come forward.
5. Prepare watercolors. Each student will decide if the circles will be warm colors and the lined background cool or, or the reverse.
6. In composition, the optical illusion is created by both line and color.