

Studio Cascadia

A learning studio for people of all ages

Shapes are all around us and when they are cut out beautiful new shapes are made. Learning to see not only the importance in creating positive shapes, but thinking of the 'leftovers' or negative spaces, not as waste but as new possibilities is the goal of this project. Whether the shapes are rounded and fluid or harsh and angular exploring can be fun.

Supply List:

- 5" x 7" piece of black construction paper
- 5" x 7" white construction paper
- 5" x 7" colored construction paper
- Magazine pages
- 8 ½" x 12" white cardstock
- Glue stick
- Scissors

Process:

Draw two large shapes in pencil on black paper.

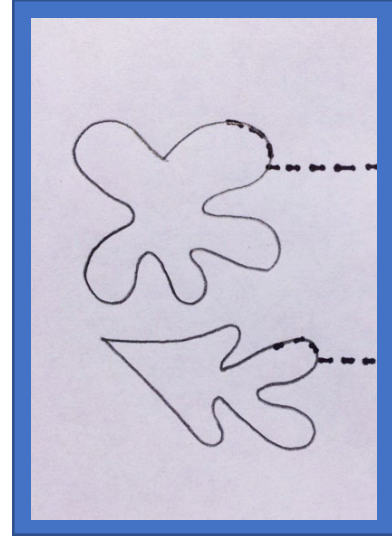
Cut into the shape, all around meeting back at the start of the shape. Repeat on second shape. The paper will come back together when it is glued to hide cut. To glue, put both of the cutouts back in place, then stack on the colored paper. Lift out the cutouts, apply glue and put back in place. Remove outer paper leaving only the cut pieces glued to the colored paper. On the white paper design and glue magazine pages in an interesting collage format. Then glue the 'leftover' or 'negative space' black paper on collage.

Mount both pieces on the large white cardstock that has been folded in half to create a standing 'book' shape.



negative spaces- with collage background

positive shapes



black paper- cut in and out at the same place