

Masterpiece Magnetic Puzzles

Create classroom fun. Puzzles are great exercise for student minds. These magnetic ones are made by students for classroom art history discussions. Each student can eventually take home a masterpiece for their refrigerator.

Grade Levels K-4

Process

1. Select enough images for all students. The pages are printed on both sides. Some masterpieces will be damaged in selection. This book is a clip art book and CD so images can be reproduced.
2. Trim the image with knife. Make note of the artist and title. Keep each piece of art in a quart bag.
3. Each image is a different size. Students measure to determine size. Add 1" border to each side for a frame. Take measurement and add 2" to each dimension (5" x 7" equals 7" x 9" outside size).
4. Squeeze Weldbond® on back of image. Use a small piece of cardboard to spread the glue. Place on top of magnet in center of the white area. Use palm to gently rub air out from behind image.
5. Paint a frame around the image. Let dry. Use a black or brown marker to draw in corners of the frame and add decorative texture.
6. Cut the puzzle into 8 to 10 pieces. Place face down and tape three strips across the back to hold image puzzle in place. Slide into quart bag until use. To use again, remove tape and keep pieces loose in bag for the future.
7. Work the puzzles at school then take home for refrigerator.



Materials

Dover Full Color Clip Art CD, 120 Great Paintings (71306-1008) 1 book per class

ProMAG Magnetic Sheets, 12" x 24" Paintable (61413-1010), cut to 3 per sheet, need approximately 10 sheets per class

Weldbond® Adhesive, (23819-1004) 4-oz, need 6 bottles per class

Snippy® Scissors, (57040-2009) 12 pack pointed, need 1 per student

Blick EZ Grip Knife (57419-2980) 2 Knives

Blick Economy Graphite Pencils (20302-2009) box of 12, need 1 per student

Blick Plastic Ruler (55403-1012), share 12 per class

Sargent® Metallic Acrylics, 8-oz, 1 bottle each, distribute throughout class:

Gold (00730-9015)

Copper (00730-9505)

Sharpie® Fine Point Markers, 4 per class Black (21316-2001), Brown (21316-8001)

Zip-Close Plastic Bags, quart size, need 1 box per class

Options

Use a child's painting instead of an art history masterpiece.

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National Standards

Content Standard #4— Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures

K-4 Students demonstrate how history, culture, and the visual arts can influence each other in making and studying works of art

Content Standard #5— Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others

K-4 Students understand there are various purposes for creating works of visual art