CREATIVE COVERS



PAINTED PAPER

Using tempera or acrylic paint, students can paint papers entirely with the same/or analogous colors. Abstract suggestions include: spattering, marble rolling, popsicle sticks with string dipped in paint for mark-making, stamping with found objects, etc.

MATERIALS: tempera/acrylic paint, assorted brushes, 9x12 or 12x18 paper (construction)



COLLAGED PAPER

Using magazine/newspaper/old book/scrap paper cut outs, students can collage a series of images or color patterns together. Seal the finished paper with a coat of Mod Podge for shine and durability.

MATERIALS: Various paper scraps, tissue paper, magazines, books, newspapers, found 2-D surfaces (dried bark, leaves, flower petals, etc), glue sticks, liquid glue, Mod Podge, brushes.



ELEMENTS OF ART

Choose an element of art you wish to review with students (color, line, shape, repetition, balance, space, etc.), and have them draw/paint/fill the page using that specific element to reinforce knowledge.

MATERIALS: Teachers choice



TISSUE PAPER BLEED

Students use bleeding tissue paper and water to create a mosaic-like stained page.

Optional: Students add organic and geometric shapes in Sharpie or design of their choosing as a silhouette over the colorful background.

MATERIALS: Bleeding tissue paper, heavyweight drawing paper, or lightweight watercolor paper, water, brushes, Sharpies (for silhouettes)





WEAVING

Students weaving together paper to make a dynamic cover piece. Seal in mod podge for durability.

MATERIALS: Various kinds of paper



PRINTING

Students use styrofoam plates to design a cover image and print it on construction paper.

MATERIALS: brayers, ink plates, printing ink, styrofoam plates, pencils, construction paper, scrap paper



PASTE PAPER

Using a paste/paint mixtures students can design colorful sheets using texture tools. The papers will appear to have depth and lots of texture, however, paste/paint dries smooth.

Materials: paste, paint (acrylic/tempera), brushes, texture tools, sponges, 12x18 paper

RECIPE:

Cook paste (done overnight to allow sufficient cooling time)

- 18 cups water
- 12 cups boiled water
- 24 tbsp flour
- 18 tbsp rice flour

Boil 12 cups of water. In a large bowl, whisk 6 cups of cool water with 1.5 cups of regular flour and 1 cup and 2 tablespoons of rice flour into a slurry. Once water is boiled, pour the slurry into the boiling water, whisking continuously. Turn heat to medium and keep stirring until paste reaches desired consistency.

