GELLI ARTS® CLASSROOM LESSON PLAN

GRADES 1 TO 4

COFFEE FILTER FLOWERS

with Marsha Valk



STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO

- adapt a household item such as coffee filters into art
- design their own paper flower

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can you use coffee filters to make art?
- Can you make flowers out of coffee filters?

MATERIALS

- ☐ Gelli Arts® gel printing plate gelliarts.com
- ☐ Brayer gelliarts.com
- ☐ Acrylic paint gelliarts.com
- ☐ Coffee filter
- ☐ Stencils gelliarts.com
- ☐ Spray Bottle with water
- ☐ Spray inks
- ☐ Pom-poms
- ☐ Wire
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue dots or hot glue gun

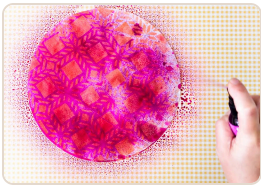
NOTES FOR THIS CLASS

STEP BY STEP

1 Print with your Gelli Arts® printing plate on a couple of coffee filters using stencils and acrylic paint. You will need one green printed coffee filter and two or three colored printed coffee filters per flower.



2 Stain the Gelli Arts® printed coffee filters with spray inks. Wet the coffee filter with a spray bottle of water before you spray on the spray ink. The water will help the spray ink spread across the coffee filter.



3 You can stack the coffee filters if you want to have the same color while spraying. Each new filter will absorb the excess ink from the already sprayed ones.



4 Leave the coffee filters to dry completely.

5 Fold the coffee filters into eighths (or more) and cut leaf shapes. Make sure to cut some larger and some smaller.



6 Unfold the coffee filters and stack two or three colored ones on top of each other.



7 Turn the flowers over and put a pom-pom in the middle. Fold the flowers back over the pom-pom. Secure the pom-pom with wire.



8 Fold the leaves back and fluff them until you are happy.



9 Adhere the flower on top of a green leafed coffee filter using a glue dot or a hot glue gun.

