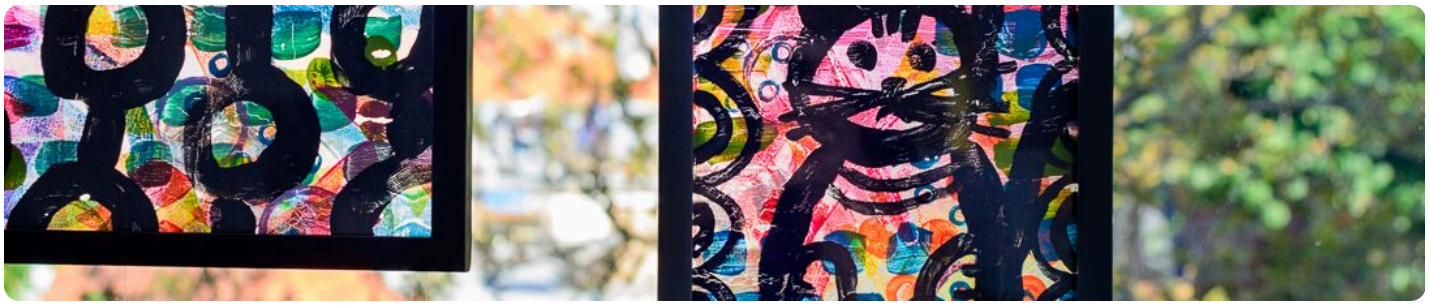
GELLI ARTS® CLASSROOM LESSON PLAN

GRADES 1 TO 4

SUNCATCHER

with Marsha Valk



STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO

- create a Gelli Arts® printed suncatcher
- learn the definition of transparent through practice with the suncatcher
- practice patience through the transfer technique
- use the elements of line, shape, value, and color as they plan their design

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What is transparent?
- What objects are transparent?
- How does the sun play a role in our lives?

MATERIALS

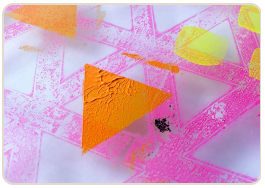
- ☐ Gelli Arts® printing plate gelliarts.com
- ☐ Roller gelliarts.com
- ☐ Newsprint
- ☐ Masking tape (to tape newsprint to table)
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Stencils gelliarts.com
- ☐ Mark making tools gelliarts.com
- ☐ Acrylic paint gelliarts.com
- ☐ Clear contact paper or packing tape
- ☐ Transparency
- ☐ Craft foam
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Brushes
- ☐ Bone folder or old gift cards

NOTES FOR THIS CLASS

STEP BY STEP

1 Step 1 – Gather the acrylic paint colors, mark making tools, and stencils you want to use for this project.

2 Step 2 – Apply paint to a Gelli Arts® plate. Create a design using a stencil or mark making tools. Make sure to leave areas without paint! When you are done with the layer of your design, leave it to dry completely. The drying time ensure that you do not unintentionally smear the paint marks you just made and it also saves the background from mixing into a mud color.



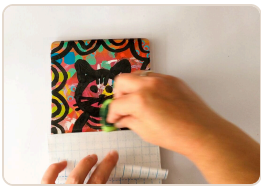
3 Step 3 – Once the layer is dry, you can add another layer right on top of the first. Continue with this step until you are happy with all the layers.

4 Step 4 – It's time for one last paint layer. Using black paint for the final layer will help your design stand out and give it the look of stained glass. Add a drawing of your favorite animal or design using your finger or a paint brush.



5 Step 5 – Let all of the layers dry completely. Overnight if possible.

6 Step 6 – Cut a sheet of contact paper or packing tape to the size of your Gelli Arts® plate and place it sticky side touching all of your painted layers. Burnish it well with your bone folder or old gift cards.



7 Step 7 – Pull it from the plate as you would a print. Stick the contact paper transfer onto a transparency.



8 Step 8 – Find your suncatcher a nice window and enjoy the colorful view!



