



Creative Mess

3rd-5th Grade

Description:

I am going to ask you to have some fun and experiment with the process of making. Try to let go of what the finished product may look like and just enjoy the PROCESS of making the piece. Many of these exercises will seem ridiculous. But that is the point!



Learning Goal:

By the end of this workshop, students will be able to experiment with materials without knowing the end result. Students will use an accident as the source of inspiration and draw into the spill to create a unique and unplanned artwork.

Resources/Materials:

- Coffee or other colored liquid
- Pen, pencil or markers
- [Coffee Painting Examples](#)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. **First - Spill something.** If you want to use traditional mediums like india ink or watercolor, that is fine. If you don't have those supplies, open your refrigerator or pantry. [Coffee](#) and tea work great. (Who doesn't love to "Spill the Tea?") You could also head outside and splash some mud puddle on a page. Get creative!
2. **Second - Make something.** After your spill dries, add into it. You can use pen, pencil, ink, or more of



your “spill medium”. Your final piece can be realistic or abstract.

Additional Resources:

These assignments are based off of the books by Kerri Smith. To hear about these books and listen to an introduction about them [click here](#).

****If you liked this workshop, here are some classes you should take at Leyden!****

Drawing 1

Drawing 2

Art Survey