## Visual Art - Grade 3

## Lesson 5.5 - Monochromatic Still Life

## CALIFORNIA ARTS STANDARDS

**CREATING-Anchor Standard 1:** Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work. **3.VA:Cr1.1** Elaborate on an imaginative idea.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Create tints and shades from a single color.
- Apply tints and shades from a single color to create a monochromatic painting of a single object.

### VOCABULARY

- Color: how objects reflect light and appear visually.
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- Palette: a thin board or slab on which an artist lays and mixes colors.
- Shade: color darkened by adding black.
- Shadow: a dark area or shape prodeced by an object blocking light
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- **Highlight:** a bright or reflective area
- Value Scale: Scale showing the range of values from black to white and light to dark.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

- 9" x 12" white construction paper, one per student
- Pencil, one per student
- Foam plate, one per student
- Size 12, 8 and 6 paintbrush, one each per student
- Paper towel, 2 per student
- Container with water, one per student
- One color tempera paint, quart per classroom
- Black and white tempera, pint each per classroom
- Monochromatic objects (e.g., life like plastic fruit :green pear, red apple, yellow banana)
- Baby wipes, at least one per student

#### WARM UP

(5 minutes)

- Sing the "Arts Smart" song. Song demo track: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1P6j\_ZPFggSX2pBsl7X5TVo\_C4SJaPkof
- Display one of the monochromatic still life images from the end of this lesson on the Promethean board in an area easily seen by all students.
- Allow 1 minute for students to examine the work silently.
- Discussion questions:
  - o What do you see?
  - What does monochromatic mean?

# LESSON

(40 minutes)

- Distribute 9" x 12" white construction paper, a pencil, a size 12, 8 and 6 paint brush, a foam plate, paper towel and a container with water to each student.
- Display a single monochromatic object in a central area of the classroom or place several monochromatic objects on desks in areas easily seen by students.
- Distribute about a tablespoon of tempera paint the same color as the still life object(s) to each student on the foam plate or palette.
- Demonstrate how and instruct student to:
  - 1. Write the student name on one side of the paper.
  - 2. Turn paper over and collect pencils.
  - 3. Turn the white construction paper in the orientation that best fits the object.
  - 4. Visually plan the work of art by estimating size, shape and placement of the object.
  - 5. Paint the shape of the object using the pure color and the largest of the paint brushes.
  - 6. Add small amounts of white paint to create a tint of the color.
  - 7. Place tint on the painting in spaces to show highlighted areas or places where light hits the object most brightly using the smallest paintbrush.
  - 8. Add small amounts of black to the pure color paint to create shades.
  - 9. Place shade on the painting in areas to show shading or shadow on the object using the medium paint brush.
- Discuss the use of paintbrush size in relationship to the area that needs to be painted and the level of detail the brush can give.
- Discuss the use of black and white paint together with the pure color. Grey will happen whenever black and white are used together.
- Remind students to fully clean brushes between uses and blot the brushes on the paper towels to insure cleanliness and purity of color.
- Allow students to continue work on the still life painting individually, including the creation of a background.
- Place works of art in a safe drying area.
- Instruct student to execute clean up practices as appropriate.

## REFLECTION/CLOSING

(5 minutes)

- Discussion questions:
  - What part of the painting process was difficult?
  - What did you do?



Still Life in Green by Elena Katsyura, 2012



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