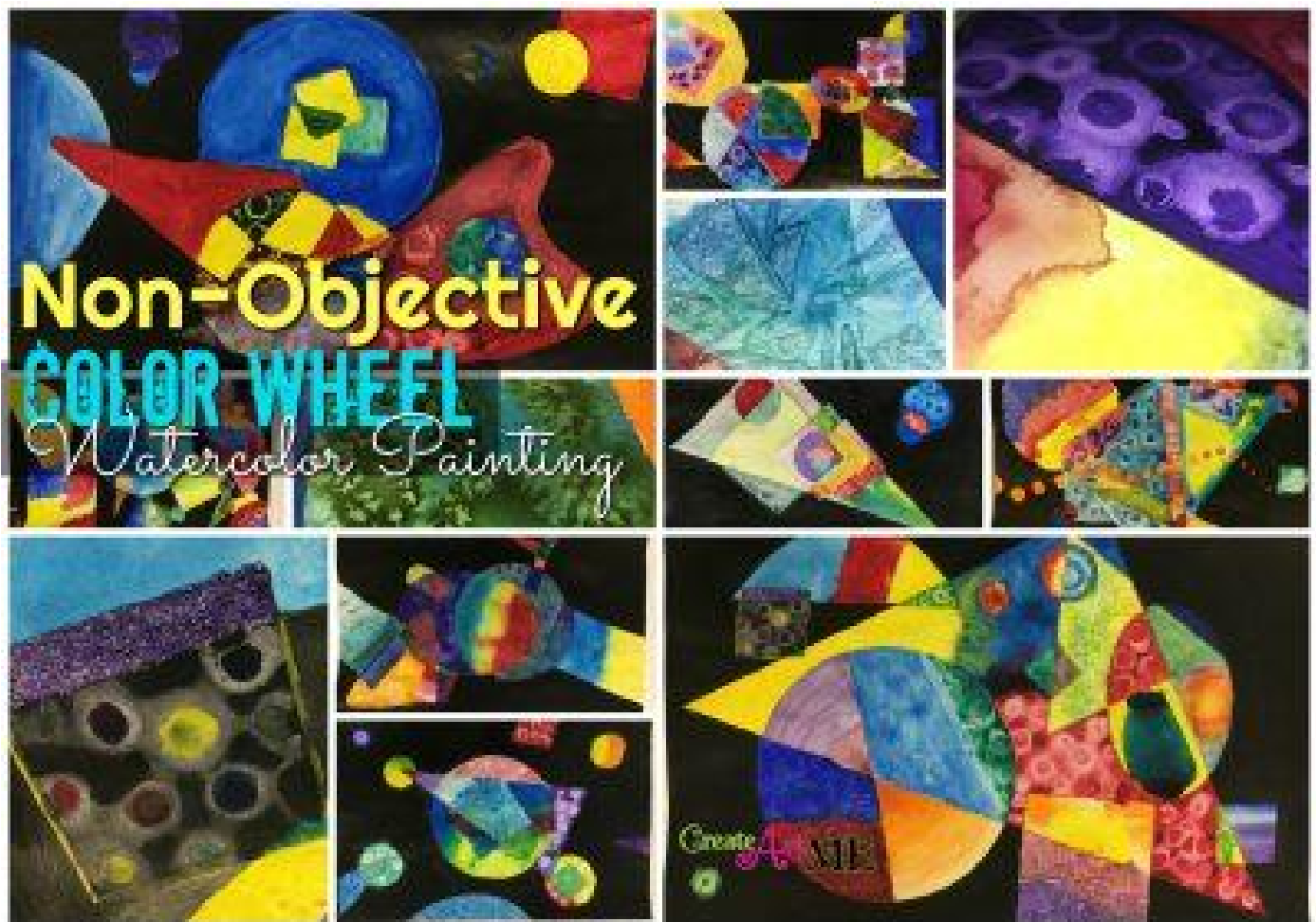




Non-Objective Color Wheel - Watercolor

A unique color theory lesson

All art teachers look for new ways to teach the basic concepts of art. Color theory is no exception. The traditional [color wheel worksheet](#) is excellent for elementary and beginning art students, but my older students (6th grade and up) were ready for something new to broaden their skills. The non-objective color wheel lesson encourages creative design along with fundamentals of watercolor painting.

Materials Needed: [Crayola Artista 8 Semi-Moist Oval Pens Watercolor Set with Brush](#), paint brushes, [Canson XI Watercolor Paper Pad 12×18-30 Sheets](#), [Speedball 3378 Super Black India Ink, 16 oz. Bottle](#), water cups, rubbing alcohol, salt, plastic wrap, newspaper to put on tables

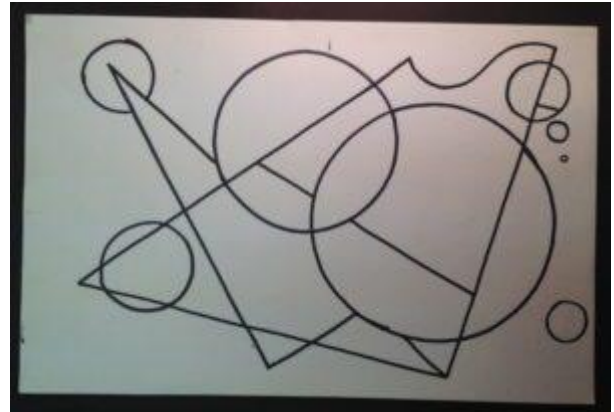
Pre-Project Activity: [Basic Watercolor Techniques Worksheet](#)



Basic Watercolor Lesson

Instructions:

1. **Draw a non-objective design onto a sheet of 11×14" watercolor paper in pencil,** use shape templates & rulers. Use circles, triangles & squares. Make sure to have lines & shapes overlapping one another to create new interesting shapes. Vary the size of the



shapes to create interest and emphasis.

2. **Color Combinations to Include (minimum):** ***Combinations can be repeated until ALL shapes are painted***

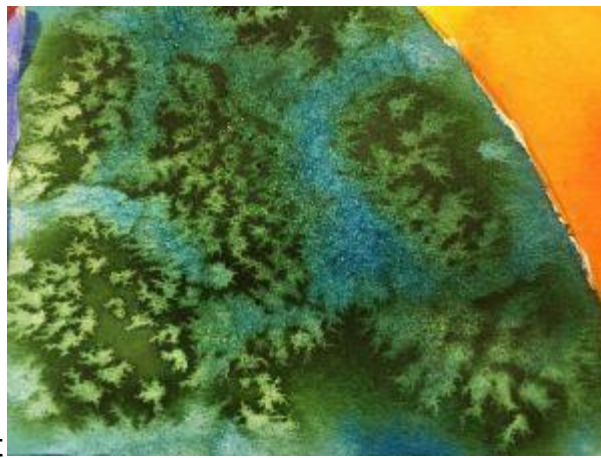
1. Yellow + Blue
2. Blue + Red
3. Blue + Red + Yellow
4. Yellow + Orange
5. Yellow + Yellow-Green
6. Blue + Green
7. Violet + Red
8. Violet + Blue

9. Yellow + Red

10. At least 3 single colors of your choice



3. Apply at least one of each experimental watercolor techniques:



1. Salt



2. Alcohol



3. Plastic Wrap

4. Finally, **paint the background black with India Ink.** *Do not add any water to the brush!!

Teacher Examples



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