

# Design Principles Metal Repousse & Drawing

My HS classes just finished these great metal repousse & drawing projects inspired by "Ms Shepherds Art Room-REPOUSSE WITH GEOMETRIC AND ORGANIC SHAPES". *Please give credit to her for the creation of this lesson!* I changed ours up a bit and the altered project lesson plan I developed is below. We talked about elements/principles of art & composition. They started with the metal piece then extended their design onto paper.

**Supplies:** Metal Embossing Tools Stylus, St Louis Crafts Aluminum Metal Foil Sheet Roll – 36 Gauge – 12 inches x 25 feet, Speedball Super Black India Ink, 1 Pint, Red Devil 0320 Steel Wool, 0000 Super Fine, 8 Pads, texture rubbing plates, mat board, poster board, markers or colored pencils, glue







## **Objectives:**

- Student will learn how to use the proper tools and techniques for metal tooling-Repousse.
- Students understand how the principles of Emphasis (Focal Point), Variety, Rhythm (Pattern), Unity & Movement apply to make the whole piece of art unified.
- Students will create a low relief image in metal (silver foil) using the process of repoussé.
- Student will be able to determine the difference between organic and geometric shapes and use a variety of both.
- Students will create a design that will be rendered on both a 2D surface and a 3D surface.

### Delivery:

- 1. Review Elements and principles of art.
- Composition is the intentional use of the elements and principles to arrange the artwork in a visually pleasing and intriguing way. (See Composition Methods lesson & Music Instrument Composition project)
- 3. **Repousse:** A method of creating a relief design by hammering or pressing the reverse side of a metal surface.
- 4. Literal meaning in French, "pushed up".
- 5. The techniques of repoussé and chasing utilize the **plasticity of metal**, forming shapes by degrees. There is no loss of metal in the process, as it is stretched locally and the surface remains continuous. \*Be careful not to press too hard or you will puncture through the metal.
- 6. **Techniques:** (Teacher Guided Demo)
  - 1. **Chasing** is the opposite technique to repoussé, and the two are used in conjunction to create a finished piece. It is also known as embossing.
  - 2. While **repoussé** is used to work on the reverse of the metal to form a raised design on the front, chasing is used to refine the design on the front of the work by sinking the metal.

#### Activity: Repousse' Tile & Drawing

Use the specific elements & principles of art listed below to create a non-objective in foil relief (repousse) & extend design onto paper.

- 5 Elements: Line, Shape, Color, Form & Texture
- 5 Principles: Emphasis (Focal Point), Variety, Rhythm (Pattern), Unity & Movement

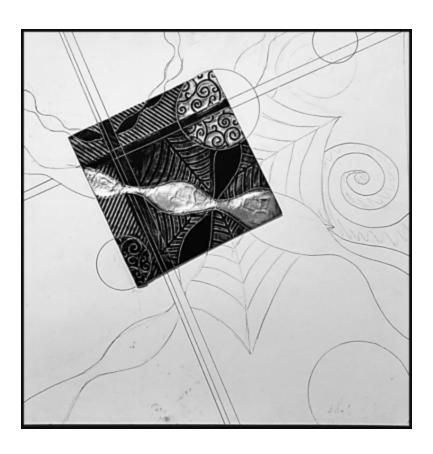
Create the repousse design first, then use a pencil to extend your design onto a sheet of 15×15" white paper & color with either colored pencils or colored sharpies/markers.

#### \*Pre-cut a 6" aluminum square for each student

### **Instructions for Repousse:**

- 1. In your sketchbook, draw two squares. Create 2 different sketches for your design. Square Template for Repousse
- Upon approval of design, get a final design paper and draw your design onto it in pencil.
  Use contour line to draw the drawing of your basic design (lines & shapes only-no shading).
- 3. After the demo & practice session, use embossing tools and repousse/chasing techniques to create your design. Have some convex & concave lines & shapes.

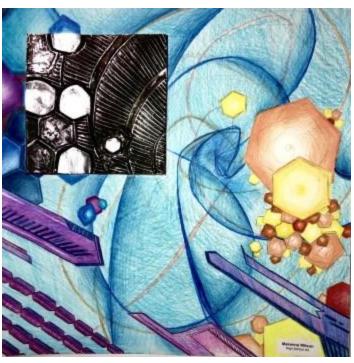
- 4. Use texture plates to create texture (pattern).
- 5. Either use permanent colored markers to color the metal or use the antiquing method with India ink to paint & burnish it with steel wool.
- 6. Wait till the drawing portion is finished. then NEATLY glue it onto your mat board.



#### **Instructions for Drawing:**

- 1. Decide where you want to place the repousse on the paper (not in the middle!) & with a pencil trace the outline of it. Use double stick tape to hold it in place (we will glue it later). This is your focal point.
- 2. Extend your major design elements onto the paper. You can either keep them in their original state or begin to abstract them.
- 3. Use either colored pencils, colored sharpies or markers to color it. You can either have flat color or add a 3D look with shading (use colored pencil to do this)!
- 4. Wait till the drawing portion is finished, then NEATLY glue it onto your paper.





































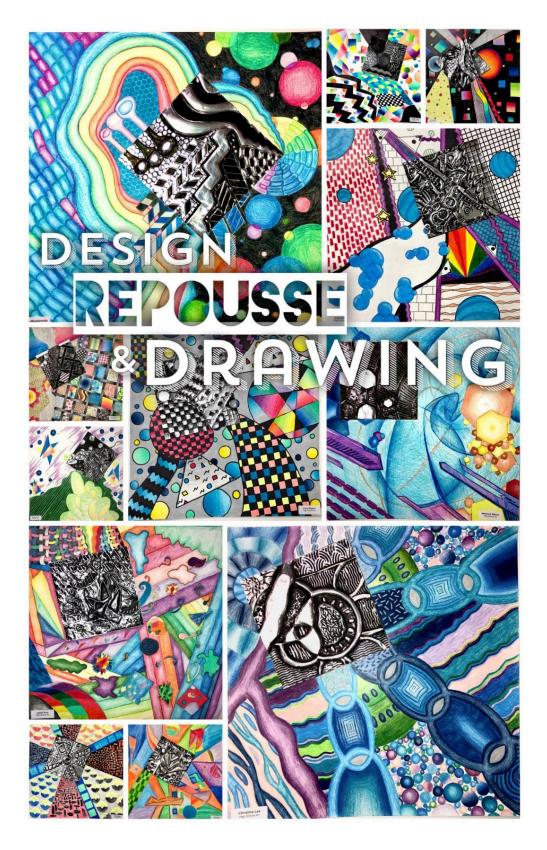






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