

“Wild Beasts”

Project for the Fierce Mama's & Babes

Artist to know: Henri Matisse

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Art History:

Henri Matisse was a french artist known for his beautiful colored paper cut outs & sculptures. Matisse was a part of an art movement called Fauvism. Fauvism comes from the french words “les fauves” which means, “wild beasts”. Fauvism is the name applied to the work produced by a group of artists from around 1905 to 1910, which is characterized by strong colors and fierce brushwork.

Ready to create your very own “Wild Beasts” art piece?

First, here are some examples of Henri Matisse’s work to get a better understanding of what you can do:



Materials you will need:



- Colored Construction Paper
(magazines or newspapers work, too)
- Scissors
- Glue

Procedures: There is no wrong way to make this. Use your imagination to create human figures and plants!! Have fun!! The more colors the better!



Try to help your kiddos with a variety of shapes!

- Cut out shapes like squares and rectangles in different sizes and colors.
- Cut out shapes that are organic, abstract, and “plant-like”.
- Cut out a shape that is curvy & looks like a Mama.
- Cut out a shape like a baby in a blanket and/or family members.
- Or just layer shapes on top of shapes for fun!!!

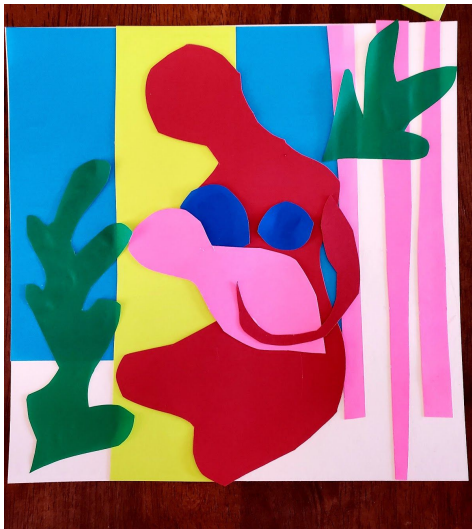
Step 1: Pick a base color for your pieces to be glued to.



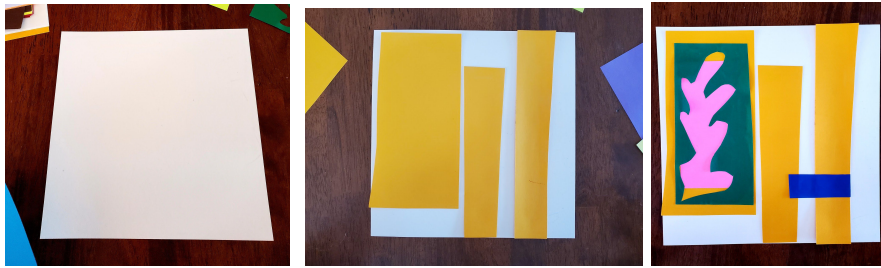
Step 2: Begin placing and arranging your paper cut outs in a thought out, balanced composition. When you decide you are ready or where you want to adhere your colored pieces feel free to glue them down, starting with the background pieces.



Step 3: Begin adding more detail and final layers to look more like a Mama made of shapes and more Matisse-esque plants.



Repeat:



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