



Rachael

# ERIC CARLE'S CATS

Grades 1 - 3

Time: Three to Four 45 minute sessions

**MATERIALS:** heavy white paper • white construction paper • crayons • watercolor paint  
tempera paint (various colors) • various size paint brushes & sponges  
water containers • pictures of different kinds of cats  
books by Eric Carle with illustrations for reference

Please consult our  
Detailed Art Instructions  
for complete details and  
recommendations on  
artwork creation.

**SET UP:** Set up four stations with supplies ahead of time.

**STATION 1 -** Supply with tempera paint, variety of paint brushes and white construction paper.  
Create patterns using different sized paint brushes and different colors of paint.  
Fill the entire paper with patterns.

**STATION 2 -** Supply with tempera paint, variety of sponges and white construction paper.  
Sponge paint patterns over the entire sheet.

**STATION 3 -** Supply with watercolor paint, variety of brushes and white construction paper.  
Create patterns using different watercolors and brush sizes.

**STATION 4 -** Supply with watercolors, crayons, large brushes and white construction paper.  
Create paint resist patterns using crayons and watercolor paint.

## DAY ONE & TWO:

Share examples of illustrations by Eric Carle and explain how he make his paper. Demonstrate how to use materials at all four stations. Divide students into 4 groups, one per station. The divided groups should start at one station and continue through each station until they have created a pattern sheet at each station.

## DAY THREE & FOUR:

- 1) Students should select from their pattern pages on or two to be used as a border. Borders need to be approximately 1" wide (teacher: you may utilize a paper cutter)
- 2) Students should glue the 1" strips to the heavy white paper to create their border. Be sure to trim off any border pieces that overhang the heavy white paper.
- 3) Students should select from their remaining patterns to cut and use as parts of the cat. The head, ears, eyes, nose, whiskers, body, legs and tail should all be made from different patterns.
- 4) Lay out the cut pieces in your cat shape then firmly glue to the middle of the heavy white paper. Sign your name in a dark or contrasting color at least ½" from the paper edge.

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