

SUNSET SILHOUETTE COLLAGE

THE CREATIVE CLASSROOM

Big creativity. Classroom-ready ideas.

GRADE LEVEL

K-5

ESTIMATED TIME

45-60 MINUTES



SUPPLIES NEEDED

- 8.5 x 11 in. white art paper
- Watercolor paints or liquid watercolors
- Large watercolor brush
- Water cup and paper towels
- Black construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

ART CONCEPTS

- Silhouette
- Warm vs. cool colors
- Color blending
- Symmetry
- Shape and contrast
- Collage composition

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1 PAINT THE SUNSET

1. Paint the entire sheet of paper using warm sunset colors.
2. Use colors such as:
 - Yellow
 - Orange
 - Pink
 - Purple
3. Allow some colors to blend where they meet to create a glowing sunset effect.
4. Let the paper dry completely.

2 CREATE THE SILHOUETTE BASE

1. Fold a piece of black construction paper in half.
2. Draw half of a large rounded shape along the folded edge (this will become one side of the base).
3. Cut it out and unfold to reveal a symmetrical shape.

3 ADD SILHOUETTE SHAPES – IN THIS EXAMPLE WE’LL CREATE DDCROSSES

1. Cut three long black rectangles.
2. Cut six small rectangles.
3. Glue one small rectangle across the end of each long rectangle to create simple cross shapes.

4 ASSEMBLE THE ARTWORK

1. Glue the large base along one side of the painted paper.
2. Arrange the three cross shapes so they appear to sit on the base.
3. Glue everything in place.

5 FINISH

1. Look over the artwork and press down all edges. Add name and date (be sure to keep away from the edges)
2. Add artist's signature. Remember to keep 1" away from the edges!



OWY'S ART IDEA

Invite students to invent their own silhouette, a plant, animal or cactus shape, instead of copying the example. Every finished piece will have its own unique personality while using the same colorful sunset background.