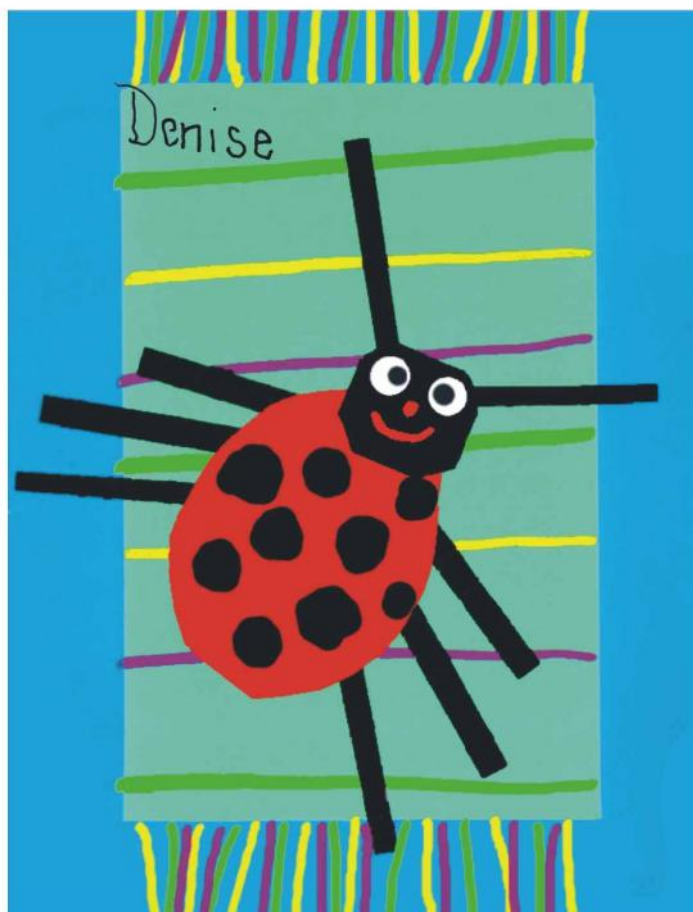
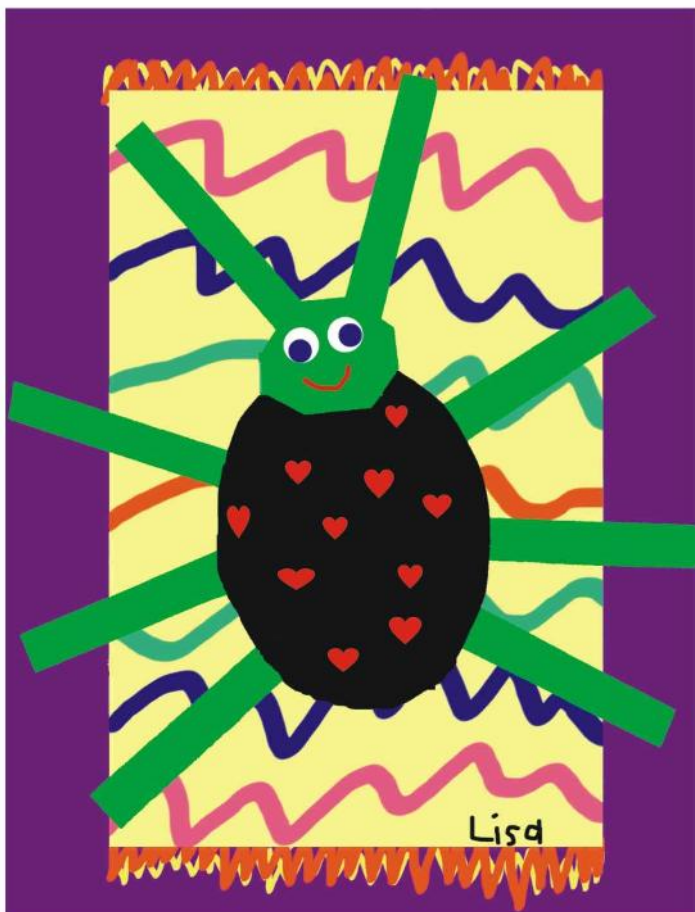
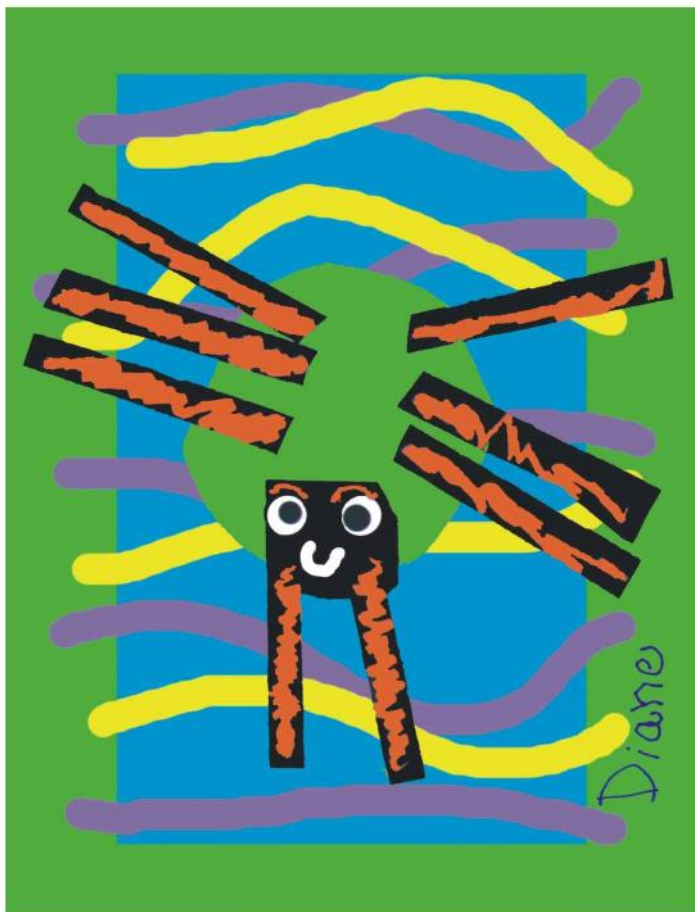


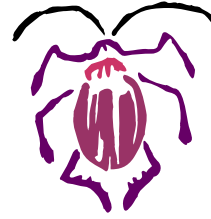
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Grades: K - 3

Time: 2 Sessions



Materials: heavy white paper, construction paper (various colors), multi-colored markers, scissors, glue, close-up bug pictures, scratch paper (optional), pattern sampler (optional)

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

Teacher: You may want to pre-cut construction paper for younger students. You will need 1" to 1 ½" strips for the borders and various shapes for the bug body (circles, oval, squares and long rectangles) in multiple colors.

Procedure:

- 1) Start by looking at close-up pictures of bugs and insects. Talk about what bugs the children might see in your area. Each artist should decide what kind of bug they want to create for their project. Children may decide to create a bug from their imagination.
- 2) Begin by creating a patterned "rug" on the heavy white paper with the markers. Don't forget that you will be gluing a border onto this sheet. The main "rug" color is the most important.
- 3) Choose a single color for your border (multi-colors will distract from your bug). Trim border pieces, if needed, to be 1" to 1 ½" wide. Glue in place. Be sure to stay inside the heavy white paper. Additional rug design may be added at this time. A pattern for the rug and fringe both look great.
- 4) Plan your bugs. Have order children draw a broad sketch, on scrap paper, using geometric shapes to plan out their bugs. The bugs should be big and cover a large amount of the project. Don't forget the details (eyes, spots, etc...). Cut construction paper shapes according to your sketch. Stress the use of vibrant colors.
- 5) Lay out the construction paper in your bug shape. Firmly glue the bug pieces onto your rug. Be careful that no pieces overhang the paper.
- 6) The final step is for each artist to sign their name, in a contrasting color at least a ½" from the edge of their masterpiece.