in the STUDIO

THEME FOOD



On the audio tour, we devoured breakfast, lunch/dinner, & dessert!

Are you hungry for more treats in Akron Art Museum's collections?

In the STUDIO today, we are going to explore art recipes.

ART RECIPES start with ingredients, just like food recipes. We call these ART ELEMENTS: line, shape, color, texture, space, & light.

LINE is an identifiable path created by a point moving in space. a line is 1 Dimensional & can vary in width, direction, length.

SHAPE is formed when a line connects with its own end. Shapes have 2D: height & width.

COLOR is what we see when light shines on an object: some colors bounce off the object & others are absorbed by it. VALUE describes the lightness or darkness of a color.

TEXTURE refers to the surface quality of an object that we visually sense: smooth, rough, hairy, sharp, leathery, etc.

SPACE is the area where lines, shapes, colors, & textures are organized. POSITIVE & NEGATIVE space create interesting shapes.

LIGHT plays an important role in how we see the world.

Without light, we could not see an object & without shadow, the object would appear flat. FORM gives an object dimension by blending light & shadow.

What art elements did you notice in the tasty artworks on our tour today?









Now let's get in the STUDIO & stir up some Art Recipes!



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grades K-5

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Artist Claes Oldenburg liked to reinvent mundane *boring* objects to confound *delight* peoples' expectations. He created whimsical *fun* monuments out of everyday items like pizza, stamps, or the letter Q.



Can we transform a mundane sandwich into whimsical art...that we can also eat?! In the STUDIO, let's make LUNCH using both art elements & actual food!

SUPPLIES

a slice of bread or toast {your canvas}

condiments: ketchup, mustard, relish, bbq sauce, etc {your paints} a slice of cheese, meat, other sandwich foods you prefer...or wish to try 2 plates & 1 napkin

{kindly ask an adult to help you gather all your ingredients}

try NEW foods! Artists try new things all the time. BE BRAVE!

STEPS WASH YOUR HANDS!

place the slice of bread {or toast} on plate 1
squeeze a quarter-size amount of each condiment on plate 2 {your palette}
mix 2 different color condiments & notice the new color made
use your fingers or a spoon to paint the bread canvas
add more sandwich toppings & try to use as many art elements as possible:
what kinds of lines, shapes, colors, textures, space, & light do you see?

SUGGESTIONS

SHOW an adult your tasty artwork & TELL them about the art elements EAT your ART

recreate an Akron Art Museum artwork on a slice of bread write an ART RECIPE card including ingredients, steps, & a picture clean up your studio/kitchen & wash your hands again!











Wisdom, Helen Frankenthaler

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ART RECIPES can combine art elements to create more complex compositions. PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN are created by combining art elements in various ways:

pattern, contrast, emphasis, balance, scale, rhythm/movement, & unity

PATTERN repeats the same art element over & over to increase visual excitement

Sandy Skoglund created & photographed surreal scenes staged in life-size sets. In the artwork we saw today, *Body Limits*, strips of bacon were repeatedly added around the set to create a stripy pattern of soft, wavy, vertical & horizontal lines.

In the STUDIO, let's make patterned prints in melted chocolate!



SUPPLIES

1 chocolate bar + 2 sandwich bags {ziploc-style works best} a bowl of warm *tepid* water, a plate, & scissors nuts, dried fruit, or candies {optional collage pieces}

STEPS

position the bag on a plate {your canvas}
break up chocolate bar {paint} put into sandwich bag & seal
submerge bag of chocolate in a bowl of tepid water until melted...

create a pattern, repeating 1 art element on canvas w/ collage pieces
cut tip off bottom corner of bag, squeeze onto pattern, smooth to cover
put the plate in refrigerator to chill... when the chocolate is set:
place artwork face down on plate & gently pull away bag to reveal your
patterned choco-print

SUGGESTIONS

SHARE with others & CLEAN UP your mess!
recreate an Akron Art Museum artwork in chocolate
eXtra DESIGN challenge paint with {white, milk, & dark} chocolate chips









Untitled, Lee Bontecou

printmaking 101 arrange pattern on bag 1st, then cover w/ melted chocolate. chill. WORK IN REVERSE

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grades 9-12

ART RECIPES become complex like a well-balanced meal when several art elements relate together using design principles.

PATTERN repeats the same art element over & over to increase visual excitement CONTRAST the juxtaposition of elements to highlight differences or create a focal point EMPHASIS special attention given to 1 part of a work, through placement, contrast, etc. BALANCE art elements arranged symmetrically or asymmetrically to create visual equality SCALE relationship of elements with respect to size, number, respecting parts of the whole RHYTHM/MOVEMENT use of recurring elements to direct the eye to a focal point UNITY parts work together as a whole



deconstructed:

elements for use in an ironic or

radically new way.

A CHEF'S TOOL

to adapt or separate the Richard Estes removed emotion from his photorealistic paintings. Each work is a world that combines REALISM + ABSTRACTION.

Akron artist, Kristen Cliffel sculpts & stacks symbolically charged ceramic baked goods-considering how women juggle roles today-asking questions like, Can I get a do-over? & What was I thinking?

In the STUDIO, let's shop for meaning in the midst of the current chaos, abstracting a complex meal to its elements & design a POKÉ BOWL! {Poké means diced raw fish, but we're adapting this recipe to your family's favorite recipe.}

SUPPLIES

consider your family heritage / favorite recipe gather or purchase ingredients, assigning a symbolic meaning to each cutting board, knife, 3x5" recipe card, a large bowl, & a fork

STEPS

prepare each individual ingredient {element}, being mindful of its uniqueness aesthetically place each ingredient in the bowl, using design principles before eating, take a moment to **be grateful** for this special meal & your family

SUGGESTIONS

document with photo & recipe card. share w/ family, friends & #AAMatHOME recreate an Akron Art Museum artwork as a Poké Bowl #CookingWithTheCollection







Retrospective, La Wilson

