

Please choose from **ONE** of the following lessons to work on over the course of two or three half-hour weekly sessions.

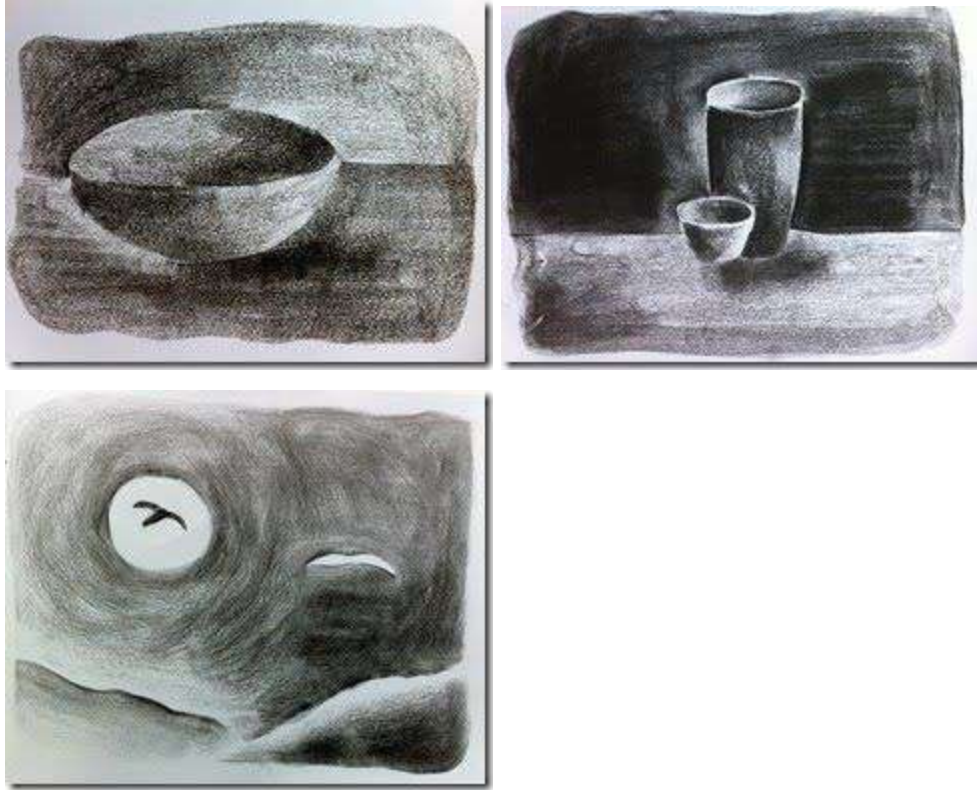
Charcoal Drawing

If you have a wood stove, burn pit, outdoor fireplace, then you have bits of charcoal! These lumps of charcoal will make wonderful black lines on paper. It is a soft chalk-like line that can be smudged (moved around).

Week 1: Find a piece of charcoal (from a COLD fire area) and an eraser. You may also need a paper towel or something to wipe your fingers on.

Start to create a drawing of your choice. Start out by pressing really lightly with your charcoal and slowly darken some shadowy areas of drawing by pressing down harder.

Week 2: Work on finishing the last few details of your drawing.



Collagraph Printmaking

A Collagraph is a method of creating a print (or a stamp) to make artwork. They can easily be made by using a simple piece of cardboard or wood as a base and gluing objects on top to create a design. This design is then used to create prints by painting and stamping the collagraph onto paper. Here are some examples of what collagraphs look like:



Week 1: Collect your materials! You can use foam stickers, yarn, puzzle pieces, cardboard (both as a base and scraps of cardboard to glue onto your base!), dried beans, pipe cleaners, bottle caps, etc.

Create your collagraph! Create a design by gluing your objects to your cardboard to create a “stamp”. Let the glue dry before using it!

Week 2: Use your collagraph as a stamp to create some prints! Apply paint to your collagraph and stamp it on a paper. You can stamp it on one paper and create a symmetrical design or you can use multiple paper to stamp your design.

Diorama

A Diorama is a form of art that uses various materials to create scenes and backgrounds. They can really be made out of anything! Shoeboxes are great to use as a base for your diorama. Here are some examples:



Week 1: Brainstorm ideas for your diorama: under the sea, woodland, your bedroom, prehistoric times, etc. Collect some materials that you can use as props for your scene: fabric scraps, dried foods (pasta, beans, rice), natural materials (pine cones, rocks, dirt, sand, leaves, tree bark, flowers, etc.), toilet paper or paper towel tubes, markers, crayons, colored pencils, figurines, stickers, paint, cotton balls, q-tips, etc.

Begin to put your diorama together.

Week 2: Finish your diorama!