# **Weaving Emotions**

## Lesson Plan

## Description

Students will learn about weaving and photography and combine the mediums to create an artwork conveying mixed emotions. Students will take multiple photographs of a face showing high contrast, position, and expression.

#### LEVEL

Intermediate

#### AREAS OF STUDY

Emotion Portrait Photography Contrast Mannerism Social Studies

#### COLLECTIONS

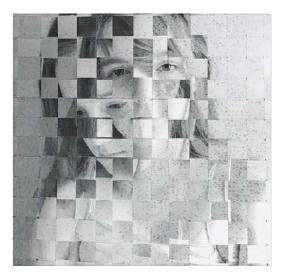
Emotion and Identity

#### **Lesson Objectives**

- Students will take, select, and design two photographs that convey contrasting emotions.
- Students will understand how art is used to represent and reflect identity and emotions.
- Students will weave photos together while highlighting specific portions of the images.
- Students will discuss how aesthetic choices are influenced and impact the visual image that one conveys.

### **Teaching Strategies**

- Facilitate a discussion about photography and weaving, as well as how art is used to represent and reflect identity and emotions.
- Demonstrate how to take photographs with high contrast, expression, and an emphasis on body position.
- Demonstrate how to properly measure and cut the warp and weft strips.
- Demonstrate how to weave images together with artistic intent.



#### **Time Requirements**

**TEACHER PREP TIME** 30 minutes

DEMONSTRATION TIME

30 minutes

**STUDENT STUDIO TIME** 3 hours

#### **Supplies and Materials**

- Camera or technological device with camera
- Two or more printed photographs
- Scissors
- Tape
- Paper to use as the base
- Matte board or construction paper

## Steps

## 1 Take Photographs

Take two or more high-contrast images of a model or self. Images should be similar in poses but should also express contrasting emotions.



## 2 Cut the Warp Strips

Cut one of the images into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch strips. Organize the strips into the full image. Use tape at the top of the strips to hold them in place.



## 3 Cut the Weft Strips and Start Weaving

Divide the other image into <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch strips horizontally. Cut no more than three at a time, and then weave. Repeat this until weaving is completed.



## 4 Weave Strips

Weave the strips, creating a very tight weave.



# **Steps Continued**

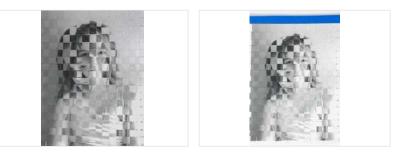
## 5 Make Artistic Decisions

Make artistic decisions about skipping over some areas of the face when weaving. Example: the eyes of this example are fully intact and did not follow the rules of a straight weave.



## 6 Mount Weaving

Remove tape, and mount completed weaving on an additional background paper.



# **National Standards**

## CREATING

<u>VA:Cr2.3.8a</u> Select, organize, and design images and words to make visually clear and compelling presentations.

### RESPONDING

<u>VA:Re.7.1.8a</u> Explain how a person's aesthetic choices are influenced by culture and environment and impact the visual image that one conveys to others.

### CONNECTING

<u>VA:Cn11.1.8a</u> Distinguish different ways art is used to represent, establish, reinforce, and reflect group identity.

Photographer David Samuel Stern

