

Summer Art Assignment

Positive & Negative Space: Cut Paper

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**All Pre-IB, PAP Art1: These assignments are extra credit for fall semester.
IB Art SLA & IB Art SLB students these are required assignments.**

Begin with two 6x6" pieces of colored construction paper. You will need a pair of sharp scissors or a Xacto knife to cut a pattern. If you are working with an Xacto be sure to put a cutting mat or piece of cardboard underneath so you do not scratch the surface you are working on. Both pieces of paper will be used, so do not discard any parts. The pattern you cut will be rotated out from the base sheet, allowing you to see the relationship between the full sheet and the element cut from it. In the examples below you can see that first example is asymmetrical, the other is a symmetrical mirror image. In this symmetrical design, the pattern is a mirror-image, the sides match but are "flipped" in relationship to the mid-line. The asymmetrical image is irregular. Create



your own version of each, then glue both parts on a piece of contrasting paper.

Cut Paper Illustration

Research cut paper as an illustration media. Some artists paint their own paper, then cut it up to use for illustrations. (Remember the Hungry Catipillar?) Several websites are listed below, but there are many more.

On an 8 1/2"x11" or in a sketchbook, create your own original cut paper illustration. You will notice that some artists work flat, others fold and build up surfaces to create a more 3-D effect. You may use either approach! Enjoy and have fun!

http://www.pgannon.com/pgannon_fortune.htm

<http://icutpaper.com/>

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<http://crookedhouse.typepad.com/crookedhouse/2008/08/jayne-mcgowans.html>