



DREAM BIG!

ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



VIDEO 6

**The Art of Henri Matisse:
Creating a Collage**

**Caregiver
Resource Guide**

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Program Description

The overall theme of Dream Big: Awesomely You, Cool Together is about celebrating the diversity, perseverance, and uniqueness within all of us, the similarities we all share, and the magnificent potential we have as a group when we are together dreaming big.

Video Description

Join Bronx Children’s Museum Program Managers Dejá Santiago and Chris Gomez as they introduce the life and work of the French artist Henri Matisse and demonstrate how to create a self-portrait using collage materials.

Video Link: <https://www.bronxchildrensmuseum.org/db20-matisse>

Age/Grade: 7+ years old; 2nd-3rd Grades

Vocabulary

Fauvism	Things that are one color are unnaturally colored in art, it’s the artist’s choice
Self-portrait	A work of art that one creates of oneself
Identity	The qualities, beliefs, and culture that make a particular person or group different from others
Collage	A work of art that is made by gluing pieces of different materials (such as paper, cloth, or photographs) to a flat surface
Organic shapes	Having a curving form similar to the shapes found in nature
Geometric shapes	Having a form with defined edges, such as a triangle or square
Scale	The size of an object compared to another object
Contrast	The difference between objects when they are arranged next together
Overlap	To use space by layering an object over another

Materials Needed: Construction Paper, Scissors, Glue

Tips for Success

- Watch the film on your own before showing it to children; identify any words or images that may require additional information or explanation.
- Prepare all the materials beforehand, and don’t be afraid to substitute for what you have available.
- Stop the video or replay certain moments to allow for questions or comments from the children.

Before You Watch...

- Group Discussion Questions: Choose a few questions from the list below to ask your children. Keeping your questions open-ended will get your children speaking more and allow them to express themselves more than a simple “yes or no” question. Offer your own answer to the question as a way to model conversation!
 - What parts of your personality or identity do you wish others could see when they look at you? In other words, what do you want the world to know about you?
 - What makes you YOU? How are you different or similar to other kids your age?
 - What symbols, images, and colors will you use to create your self-portrait? Why?
- Remind children that creating beautiful art takes time! Watch the video first, and create the self-portraits *after*.

After You Watch...

- Have children complete the self-portrait activity. Feel free to create your own alongside your child(ren)!
- Group Discussion Questions: Select a few questions to ask children about their experiences creating their self-portrait.
 - How does Henri Matisse's work make you feel?
 - What symbols, images or colors did you add to your self-portrait and why?
 - What do you want the world to know about you through your self-portrait?
 - What are your big dreams for the future?
- Sharing
 - Ask children to explain the process of creating their artwork in sequential order: “First I did this...then I did this...”
 - Ask children to share their artwork with others (via live meet-ups, Google classroom, FlipGrid, etc.). Encourage each child to give comments on one thing they liked and one thing they would like to see more of in the artwork of at least one other person.

Dream Big! Exhibition Gallery

Share your child's big dreams and artwork in the Dream Big! Gallery. Take a picture of your child's artwork or make a video of them showing and talking about their work. Ask them questions like:

- How did you create this artwork?
- What symbols, images or colors did you add to your self-portrait and why?
- What do you want the world to know about you through your self-portrait?
- What are your big dreams for the future?

Upload your artwork here: www.bronxchildrensmuseum.org/dreambig20

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