

Faith Ringgold's Story Quilts



Summary:

Children will learn about artist Faith Ringgold as they create paper quilts inspired by her art.

What You Need:

- Watercolor, canvas or other heavy paper
- Watercolors or other paint/brushes
- Fabric scraps and paper scraps
- Glue
- Fine tip black marker
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What You Do:

1. Talk to your students about Faith Ringgold and if possible, share some of her work with your students.
2. Explain that your students will be creating a mixed media creation inspired by the work of Faith Ringgold.
3. Have students paint a scene from memory on the paper. This is how Faith Ringgold creates her images as well.
4. They can then glue fabric or paper scraps as a "quilt" border.
5. They can also use pictures from the fabric as part of the scene, i.e. if there is a bird in the fabric, they can cut it out and glue it in the sky or on a branch, etc.
6. Encourage them to continue to work and add items and images to their creations.
7. Display the finished work and discuss it.
8. This could be worked into a writing lesson where students create a story around their art work.