

Abstract Watercolor Collage

inspired by artist Elaine de Kooning

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Elaine de Kooning (1918-1989) was a writer and painter, who created many artworks during the Abstract Expressionist movement. She used drips and gestural washes of color, and incorporated spontaneous movement.



MATERIALS:

watercolors, paper, glue, paint stick or marker

You can also try:

Listening to music (fast or slow) as you add your black marks, creating lines and marks to the rhythm of the song.

STEPS:

1. On one page of watercolor paper, create marks and shapes of colors with watercolors. On another piece of paper, paint a few solid squares of color.
2. Once dry, tear your watercolor painting into several smaller pieces. Then put them together in a new way and glue down onto a piece of paper or cardboard to create a collage.
3. Next, cut some triangles and other shapes from your squares of color. Glue them on top of your collage.
4. Using big arm movements, use a black marker or paint stick to make thin and thick lines on top of your collage. Try standing up while you do this!



Elaine de Kooning, *Untitled*, 1948, watercolor on paper