

Prescott Art Docents June 2010

Edvard Munch Screaming Art Project

Edvard Munch is known for his expressionistic paintings and prints. He used many personal expressions in his work. Your project will be to create an expressionistic scene using one of your pets or favorite animals. You may even want to create a new animal! Pay attention to how you use two of the art elements, line and color, as you make this project.

Cover Your Work area with Old Newspapers or a Plastic Cloth

Then Gather the Following Materials:

- White Drawing Paper (Size 12" x 18")
 - Crayons
 - Watercolor paints with brush or water soluble pastels (Portfolio brand) and brush
 - Photos of your pet, magazine pictures of animals or sketch of your own animal
 - Can of Water
1. Imagine an **emotion** such as a horrific scream, an exhilarated experience, an angry experience or a very sad experience that you or your pet has had or will have. Look at the basic shapes of your pet or animal. Sketch it quickly, not necessarily realistically.
 2. Use crayon or water soluble pastels. Show some **wild color and lines**: wide open eye lines for horror, smiles and upward curvy lines for exhilaration with sort of slit eyes, downward curvy lines for sadness, and zigzag angled lines for anger. You can repeat these lines in the background around your pet or animal.
 3. Show **contrast**: light against dark. That means light figure against dark background or in reverse – dark figure against light background.
 4. After you have drawn your lines and shapes **brush** other colors of light **watercolor wash** over the crayon lines or **brush water** over your water soluble pastel lines.

Before you know it you will have created an **expressionistic painting** in the style of Edvard Munch. Congratulations on your creation!