

Fall Art Education Session Week #7 - Halloween Mason Jars

Materials

- Mason Jar
- Contact Paper (in the shape of a pumpkin)
- FolkArt Chalk Paint- Black
- Acrylic Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Fabric Swatch
- Circular Foam Brush
- Cup of Water
- Object to Fill Jar With (don't need to know quite yet)

***Note that any materials in green are ones that each participant supplies themselves.

Goals

1. Create a Halloween-themed project that allows for creativity over the use of the jar.
2. Understand the use of negative space to create an image.

Background / Key Terms

- **Space:** Relating to an artwork's sense of depth or dimensionality
- **Negative Space:** The space around or between the subject of an image (in this case the pumpkin is formed by negative space).

Step-by-Step Process

1. Peel the plastic backing off of the pumpkin-shaped contact paper piece (this may be a little tricky, but it helps if you use your nail to do so).
2. Stick this onto the mason jar.
3. Start by painting the exterior of the mason jar with the black chalk paint. It is okay if the black paint covers part of the plastic pumpkin (we will be peeling it off later anyway).
4. Apply another coat of the black chalk paint to the exterior of the mason jar.
5. Pick another color of acrylic paint to make the polka dots on top of the black.
6. Using the circular sponge brush, create a polka-dot pattern around the mason jar.
7. When this is dry, peel the contact paper pumpkin piece off of the mason jar.
8. Fill the mason jar with an object of your choosing!
9. Place the fabric piece over the mason jar opening.
10. Twist the cap of the mason jar on.



Tips

- Wait to peel the contact paper off the mason jar until both layers of the black and the polka dots are dry!
- Do not paint the cap of the jar so that you are able to see the patterned fabric through the glass on the top.

Extensions

- Think about what you want the jar to hold. Do you want it to have a fake candle inside, or be used for storage of items? I recommend filling it with something that helps you make out the pumpkin shape on the exterior.
- Use contact paper to create other Halloween-themed shapes on mason jars like bats or ghosts, for example.