

# Summer Scholars Art Education Session Week #8 - Tic-Tac-Toe

## Materials

- 10 Small-Medium Sized Rocks
- Paintbrushes
- Acrylic Paint
- Burlap Pouch
- Sharpie Marker

## Goals

1. Use objects directly from nature to remake into an art piece that has a given theme
2. Understand contrast in order to make the X's of the tic-tac-toe board different enough from the O's
3. If possible, have participants engage with a game of tic-tac-toe upon completion of the project

## Background / Key Terms

- **Natural Form:** an object whose original form has not been altered or manipulated in nature
- **Contrast:** a principle of art that refers to the arrangement of opposite elements (ex: light vs. dark, smooth vs. rough textures, large vs. small shapes) to create visual excitement
- **Theme:** the subject or topic of something

## Step-by-Step Process (based off of using the template)

1. As a planning phase before the start of the activity, pick a theme that you would like your tic-tac-toe board game to resemble. (I chose summer for mine, but get creative)!
2. Pick two main colors of acrylic paint. You want to choose two colors that contrast each other so you are able to distinguish the X's from the O's.
3. Paint five of the rocks in the one color, and the other five will be of the second color. This will likely require multiple coats of paint, so I recommend switching between the colors to give drying time.
4. In between one of the coats, use the sharpie marker to draw a tic-tac-toe board outline on the burlap bag.
5. Once all of the coats are finished, start decorating the two different types of game pieces with more acrylic paint (I chose waves and suns for mine, but again get creative).

6. If time permits, have participants try and play tic-tac-toe if the pieces are dry!



### Tips

- Before starting the project, think of a specific theme or color pallet to create contrast. This step of planning will help make the process of completing the project go smoother.
- If you have trouble developing a theme, look for inspiration in the room around you, the internet, or even music to get inspired!
- In order to build up the opacity of the color on the rocks, paint in thin coats!

### Extensions

- Use your new tic-tac-toe board throughout the week and play on Zoom with other participants!
- Decorate the tic-tac-toe board to create an “environment” for the game pieces to be placed on.