

MELTED SNOWMAN

A WINTERY PAINTING + COLLAGE ACTIVITY

Inspired by the books: *Snow Party* and *Stranger in the Woods*

GRADES: Pre K - 2nd



A finished Melted Snowman

OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES

- Students will create a mixed media work of art: combining painting and collage techniques.
- Students will learn the meaning of collage and mixed media.
- Students will talk about changes in weather and why snow melts.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/CONCEPT

Students will be painting a melted snowman on construction paper. They will then add snowman features made out of other construction paper, creating a mixed media collage. The class will discuss weather patterns and why snow melts. This will inform students about the scientific explanation behind why snowmen disappear when it gets warm.

MATERIALS

Blue construction paper, white tempera paint, paint brushes, glue sticks, eye stickers or googly eyes, additional construction paper so that you can cut out hats, scarves, noses, arms, and coal buttons.

VOCABULARY

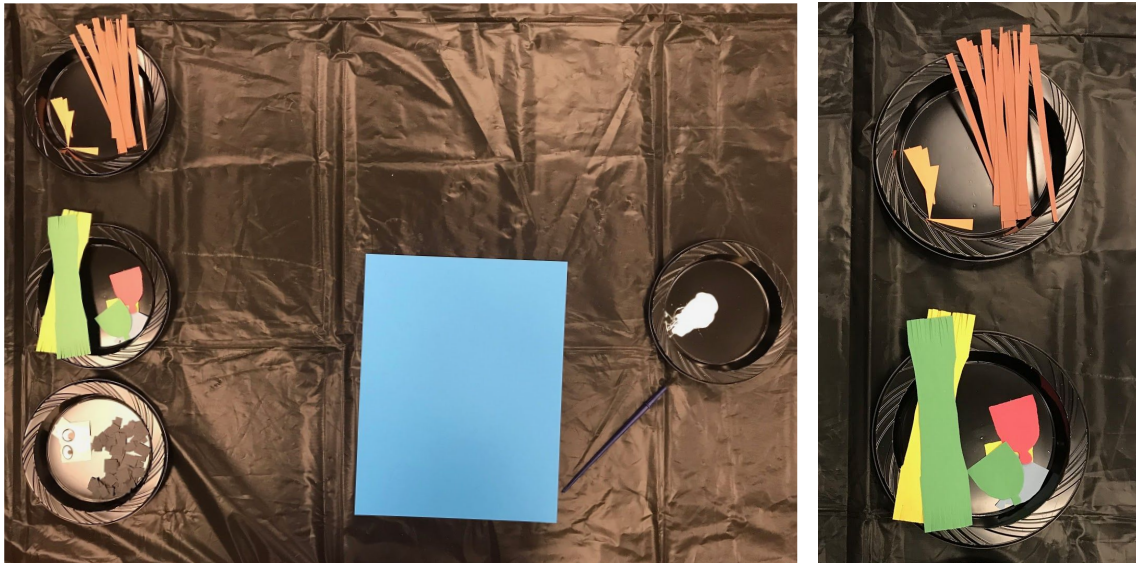
Collage – a piece of art made by sticking various materials such as pieces of paper or fabric onto a backing

Mixed Media – the use of various materials or artmaking techniques on a work of art

Melt – make or become liquefied by heat

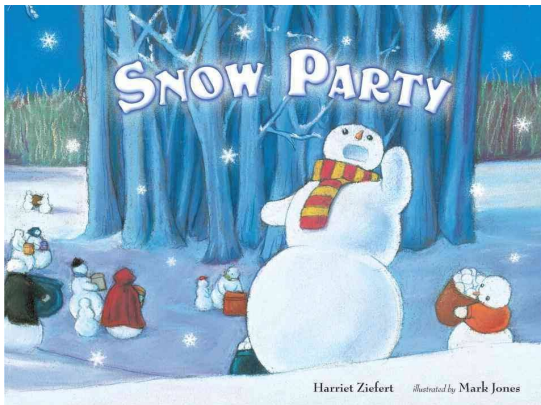
PROCEDURE

1. Precut the hats, scarves, noses, arms, and buttons out of construction paper.
2. Distribute the white paint, brushes, and snowman parts.
3. Students paint a shapeless white form on the blue construction paper, a.k.a. a melted snowman.
4. Students distribute their snowman's features throughout the blobby, white form; use a glue stick if the paint is already dry.

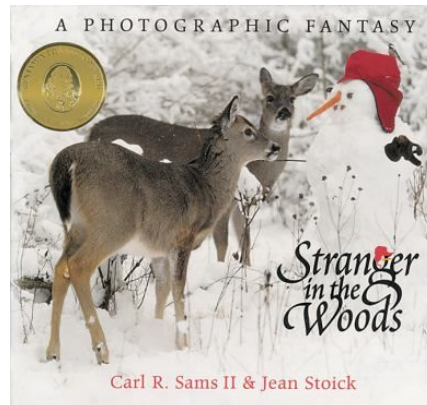


RELATED RESOURCES/ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Use these books to guide the lesson and add more meaning to the students' artmaking.



Snow Party
Harriet Ziefert



Stranger in the Woods
Jean Stoick and Carl R. Sams II