

Float People

The artist, Marc Chagall, is known for his paintings of floating, dream-like people, animals and objects. These images are full of color and movement, and set in sky-like settings. Chagall was born in Russia in 1887 but traveled extensively in Europe and America, eventually settling in Paris, France, with a group of famous artists. He was similar to other artists in his desire to work with a variety of materials. Some of his most famous works were realized in stained glass, ceramics and theatrical design. In this lesson plan, students will design “Float People” to display their understanding of colorful imaginary images.

Grade Levels K-6

Note: instructions and materials based on a class of 25 students. Adjust as needed.



Process

1. Cut a body, arms, legs and feet out of colored construction paper. It should be no longer than 24", just long enough to “float” when its head is attached.
2. Draw clothing on the body using crayons.
3. Blow up a glove to approximately 8" in diameter. Seal it by tying a knot in the “neck.”
4. Draw a face on the glove head with markers. Add hair, eyes, noses and other details.
5. Punch a hole in the neckline and attach a 10" long piece of cotton warp to it. Attach the other end to the glove neck. Tie another long piece of warp to a piece of “hair” on the glove and suspend the finished work from the ceiling.

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National Standards

Content Standard #1 – Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

K-4 Students use different media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, and stories

5-8 Students intentionally take advantage of the qualities and characteristics of art media, techniques, and processes to enhance communication of their experiences and ideas

Content Standard #2 – Using knowledge of structures and functions

K-4 Students use visual structures and functions of art to communicate ideas

5-8 Students employ organizational structures and analyze what makes them effective or not effective in the communication of ideas

Materials

Blick® Premium Construction Paper, 12" x 18" (11409-1006), package of 50 sheets; need one sheet per student

Blick® Premium Construction Paper, 9" x 12" (11409-1003), package of 50 sheets; need one sheet per student

Gloves For Kids package of 12 (32935-1012); need one per student
Note: Gloves contain latex

Snippy Scissors, pointed (57040-2009), package of 12; need one pair per student

Crayola® Construction Paper™ Crayons, package of 400 (20117-4009); share across classroom

Trait-Tex® Cotton Warp, heavy, 800-yard cone (65211-1475); share across classroom

Blick® Broadline Water-based Markers, classroom pack of 200 (21224-2009); share across classroom