



Elements: Texture & Form

Principles: Balance

Materials:

- 12" x 15" gray construction paper
- 9" x 12" multi-colored construction paper
- Charcoal (or black oil pastel)
- White chalk (or white oil pastel)
- Oil pastels
- Baby Wipes
- Dog face template (optional, helps with scale)

Instructions:

1. Show students the book, *Harry the Dirty Dog*, and talk about the differences between a "clean" Harry and a "dirty" Harry. **How does the illustrator use line to create texture** and make Harry look furry?
2. Have the students **use charcoal (or oil pastel) to trace the dog face template** two fingers down from the tips of ears on either side of the paper – with pointed nose facing the midline of the paper.
3. **Model** how to draw the rest of Harry: Continue the charcoal line from the back of the head straight down until curving into the tail. From under the chin area, make two arms, one in front and one just behind it. Then have students make a curved line for the tummy. Add more curved lines to create the shapes for the legs and feet.
4. Once the outline of Harry is done, color an elongated oval for an eye (with a curved line behind it) and color his nose. Also add spots to his jawline.
5. Have students decide if they are going to make a dirty dog or a clean dog. Remind them that either way they need to use their charcoal or pastel to **make the fur look textured by making jagged lines.**
6. After dogs are colored, have the children briefly pause and use a **baby wipe** to get their hands clean before proceeding.
7. Next, have them **cut out the green stems** of flowers and shade the edges to create depth and form.
8. Then use colored paper to **cut out and "fringe" edges of flowers.** Also, cut out center of flowers, if needed. Use oil pastels to **shade the edges** of flowers.
9. **Glue** down the tops of the flowers and tuck the green stems underneath them to glue them down as well. Once finished, have students put their name on the back of their art and clean up.

Balance is created in the artwork by adding tall flowers on the opposite side of Harry.