

Vincent Van Gogh

“Café Terrace at Night”

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While learning about Vincent Van Gogh's Cafe Terrace at Night, the class and I discussed how Van Gogh would sit at the Cafe and sketch portraits of people to make money. We discussed how Van Gogh and his friends would pose for each other instead of hiring models. I gave the class a choice to either make a self portrait or to make a portrait with a partner that they would give to each other after they completed the portrait. When I made the sample I cut the construction paper without drawing ahead of time. When the kids did their project I suggested drawing the facial parts in pencil and than cutting them out. Most were able to complete all steps on their own, a few kids asked for help when making the eyes, nose, lips & ears.

Items needed:

1 full sheet of construction paper of their choice for background color

1 sheet of construction paper to match their skin tone to cut out face, noses & ears

A few mirrors for those who choose to make self portraits

Googly eyes - I purchased packets with different colored eyes from Michael's

colored construction paper for lips, whites of eyes, & shoulders (color of choice)

different shades of yarn for hair color

markers to draw in eyebrows & lashes if they want to

scissors, glue sticks, pencils

pipe cleaners for glasses

