WEEK 3

#PMAARTATHOME
Topographic Paper Collage

Capture the ups and downs of the Earth's surface with paper! Start by sketching a large amorphic shape onto a sheet of construction paper and cut it out. Layer it on top of another sheet of construction paper, either a different color or shade of the same, and trace in pencil, then sketch a similar shape about 1 inch within the original shape's boundary. Repeat as many times as you'd like to build up a topographic sculpture. Adhere each layer on top of one another with a small piece of cardboard in the center as support so you can define all of the layers.

Want to mix it up? Use the outside paper cuts to create an inverted version similar to a lake!

Upcycle Robots

Have some old knick knacks or recyclables laying around? Get creative! Dream up a robot or character you can make with what you'd normally discard or give away - cans, utensils, bottle caps, broken objects, old CD's, empty pens, etc. Use wire and hot glue to compose your characters and use your imagination to bring them to life.

Flash Sheets

Inspired by the artwork of Poppy Garcia, it's time to doodle the day away. Think up a theme - it could be anything you love - and make a list of things, people, or phrases that could relate to that theme. Draw a compact composition of those things or phrases to fill every nook and cranny of the page. Have fun with proportion, texture, and pattern!

Fun fact: Flash sheets are traditionally used in tattoo studios as a composition of predesigned tattoos for customers to choose from. They are often hand drawn and displayed in their studios or traded between tattoo artists.
Popsicle Stick Planes

Popsicle sticks are the perfect mini construction material for two reasons - sure, you can make almost anything from them, but we really love them because they give you an excuse to finish the sweet treats in your freezer. Grab two large and two small popsicle sticks and glue them onto a wooden clothespin. The two large become the wings, one small for the tail, and the other small for the propeller. Once you have it assembled, decorate as you wish with markers, paint, beads, etc. Up, up, and away!

Doily Mandalas

Bring some peace into your life with this colorful activity. Grab a pack of paper doilies from the supermarket. Use a glue stick or spray mount to lightly adhere a doily to a sheet of paper as a stencil. Apply watercolor, chalk, color pencil, etc. overttop the doily, and then gently peel the doily from the paper. Voila! You’re left with a beautiful mandala design.

DIY Spinners

These paper and cardboard spinners are super easy and a great exercise in creating an optical illusion. Cut out one 4-inch disc from cardboard, and two matching discs from paper. Adhere the paper discs onto either side of the cardboard disc. Decorate each side of your disc with a circular and symmetrical design. Poke two holes in the center of the disc, and string yarn or cotton cord through each hole, knotting them together at each end. Twist the cords and watch the disc spin!