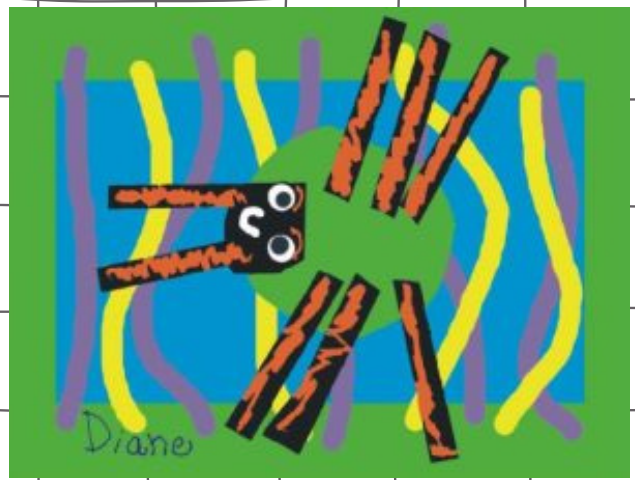


# Bug on a Rug

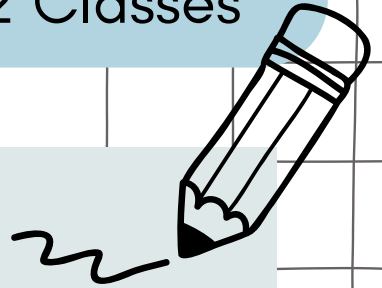


Grades: K-3

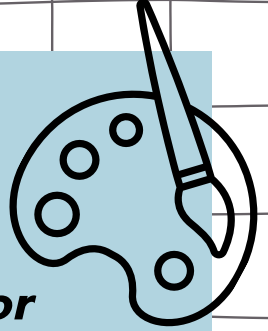
Time: 2 Classes

## Materials

- 8 1/2" x 11" white art paper
- Various colors of construction paper
- Colored markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Scratch paper
- Close-up pictures of bugs
- Pattern sampler (optional)
- Example of the project



# Instructions:



***-You may want to pre-cut construction paper for younger students. You will need 1"- 1.5" strips for the borders and various shapes for the bug body (circles, oval, squares, and long rectangles) in multiple colors-***

- Start by looking at close-up pictures of bugs and insects
  - Talk about what bugs the children might see in your area
  - Each artist should decide what kind of bug they want to create for their project
  - Children may decide what kind of bug they want to create for their project
- Begin by creating a patterned "rug" on a heavy white paper with the markers.
  - Don't forget that you will be gluing a border onto this sheet.
  - The main "rug" color is the most important.
- Choose a single color for your border (multi-colors will distract from your bug).
  - Trim border pieces, if needed, to be 1" to 1 ½" wide.
  - Glue in place. Be sure to stay inside the heavy white paper.
  - Additional rug design may be added at this time.
  - A pattern for the rug and fringe both look great.

# Instructions:

- Plan your bugs
  - Have older children draw a broad sketch, on scrap paper, using geometric shapes to plan their bugs
  - The bugs should be big and cover a large amount of the project
  - Don't forget the details (eyes, spots, etc.)
  - Cut construction paper shapes according to your sketch
  - Stress the use of vibrant colors
- Lay out the construction paper in your bug shape
  - Firmly glue the bug pieces onto your rug
  - Be careful that no pieces overhang onto your rug
- The final step is for each artist to sign their name, in a contrasting color at least a 1" from the edge of their masterpiece

