

# Unit 6: Mixed Media

Content Area: **Unified Arts**  
Course(s): **Art 2**  
Time Period: **April**  
Length: **6 weeks**  
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## Unit Summary

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The second grade visual arts program focus's on learning and understanding the New Jersey Visual Art Standards. The principles and elements of design along with art production, history, aesthetics, and criticism will be used to develop the necessary skills for a balanced art education. These areas of art education can be taught for personal understanding and appreciation for everyday functional products and art awareness. In this unit on mixed media, students will learn to use multiple techniques in one finished work of art.

## Student Learning Objectives

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Students will learn to...

- demonstrate how to properly use different art materials.
- explain what different art media is used for.
- create a composition combining these newly learned techniques.

## Essential Questions

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- What is art?
- What makes a person an artist?
- Is art important or necessary?
- Why do people create art?
- How does art expand our thinking?
- Can art help me understand other subjects, themes, areas of interest?
- Where do artists get their ideas?
- What makes an artwork successful?

## Enduring Understandings

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Students will understand that...

- Art can be a line of communication, it is a language everyone around the world can speak
- Art reflects individual, community, and cultural differences throughout the world
- Art can show different views, opinions, and interpretations
- Art is an effective way to express ideas and emotions
- Art can be an individual's response to the world

## Application

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Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

- Utilize newly learned techniques in their art project
- Synthesize new techniques with previously learned skills
- Identify specific artistic traits used in mixed media.

## Skills

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Students will be skilled at...

- Gaining appreciation for the works done in mixed media- see book illustration as a career
- Speculating about a work of art, what materials, techniques and skills were used
- Exploring various tempera and watercolor painting techniques
- Creating a variety textural effects
- Designing and creating a composition using the mixed media techniques
- Demonstrating cutting and gluing skills

## Resources

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- Teacher created slideshow depicting facts on mixed media artwork
- Artist poster/examples of mixed media artwork
- Teacher created handouts for student reference
- Online video of mixed media artists