

Materials Needed

A piece of paper, heavier weight/texture (similar to cardstock)

A black marker or sharpie

Markers*

Color pencils*

Watercolors*

Crayons*

*if you don't have all of these materials, that is okay. You can make this art piece using just one of these materials, 2 or 3 materials, what you have available, or all of them!

Short Version, Instructions:

These instructions are meant to help teachers in the classroom

- Draw 1 black line with curves and loops across your paper, starting at one side and ending at another
- Using the same black color, draw 2 jagged lines made of lines going up and down, up and down.
- Still using that same black color, draw 1 straight line that runs off the paper and 2 lines of any length.
- Still with the black color, pick a shape and draw it 3 times, making sure it overlaps some the lines.
- Pick a color and start to fill in spaces formed by the overlap of the lines and shapes.
 - Experiment with coloring in half a space
 - Making colorful lines
 - Scribbling in a shape
- Find the color-buddy of the first color and fill in more shapes.
 - The color-buddy is the color directly across from the first color on the color wheel. Color-buddies are more commonly known as complementary colors.
 - Try to fill in shapes next to the first color. This will make the colors pop against each other!
- Add texture by combining different shapes and lines.
 - Examples include drawing lots of little lines next to each other, drawing lines across a shape to make stripes, drawing stripes running opposite of each other to make crisscrosses, filling a space with circles and dots to make polka dots.
 - Try layering a solid color with a pattern on top in its color-buddy.
- Does the art piece need anything else? Add more curvy, jagged, and straight lines if you would like! Add more shapes if you think the art piece needs them! Does your art piece need more color and patterns? If you think so, then add some!
- When the art piece is done, sign your name!

Extended Version, Instructions:

These instructions are best if you are doing this by yourself!

Start by drawing a big beautiful curvy line all the way across the paper, starting at one side of the paper and ending on another side. Your line can have small curves, big curves, and lots of loops! Whatever you would like it to have!

Next, add 2 jagged lines anywhere on the paper. They can connect to the big curvy line but they don't have to if you don't want them too. You can make the jagged lines all different sizes or all the same size! Again, this is your art piece. Draw the jagged lines however you would like and wherever you would like!

After you have completed your jagged lines, take your black marker and make 3 straight lines.

1 of your lines needs to go completely across your paper – starting at one side and going off the other side! The next 2 lines can go anywhere and be any length that you would like!

Okay – time to add shapes. Pick a shape; it can be your favorite shape or a shape you like to draw! Draw this shape 3 times with each shape being a different size and in a different part of your drawing. Have 2 of the shapes overlap some of your curvy, jagged, and straight lines.

Next comes color! Use your markers, watercolor, crayons, or color pencils! Whichever you would like or whatever you have!

Start to color in your shapes you have created with your lines. You do not have to completely cover a space in a color – you can color half of a shape or make colorful lines that have space in-between, or even squiggle all over a space!

After you are finished with your first color, pick a second color to use. Fill in more spaces with this color. Do you know your second color's color-buddy? If you look at the color wheel, your color's color-buddy is the color directly across from it. This color-buddy is also called a complementary color! This means that orange and blue are buddies! Red and green are buddies! And purple and yellow are buddies! Take your second color's color-buddy and fill in some more shapes with this color. Try to color in shapes that are next to spaces already colored. Using color buddies next to each other makes the colors pop!

You can also start to add texture. Texture is made by combining different shapes and lines. For example, drawing a lot of small straight lines next to each other can look like fur. Making a ton of circles next to each other can look like bubbles or polka dots! Drawing overlapping half-circles can look scales! Try experimenting in different colors and making different shapes and lines together to create patterns.

Have you tried layering a solid color with a pattern? You could have a pink shape covered in blue polka dots! Or a red shape with black stripes! Mix and match colors and patterns to add even more fun to your art piece!

And remember, this is your piece of art! If you think it needs another black curvy line, another shape, or even another jagged line, you can add another!

Have you played with other materials? If you have used just crayon, try adding some watercolor! If you have only used marker, try using some color pencil! Playing with the different materials and trying different patterns can add even more excitement to your art piece!

Now take a look. What do you think? Does your art piece need any more lines, shapes, patterns, or colors? If you think so, then add some more!

If you are happy with your piece right now, then you can be done if you would like!

If you aren't sure whether or not you should add anything else to your piece, try walking away from the piece for a couple seconds and then coming back. How does it look? Do you think it needs anything more? Remember, this is your art piece! You can always add more to it later if you would like!

Don't forget to sign your name! Congrats on making a curvy swirly patterned colorful piece of art! Now let's make some more art!