



Elements: Space & Shape

Principles: Balance

Materials:

- ☐ 9" x 12" multi-colored construction paper
- ☐ 9" x 12" black construction paper (see note below)
- ☐ 6" x 8" black and colored paper for heart cut outs
- ☐ Heart templates (optional)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue

Instructions:

1. Introduce students to the concept of **space** by watching the following video:
<https://youtu.be/qtGWULCKQX0>
2. Show the art **sample** and explain that originally the heart was whole with no shapes cut out of it. As shapes were made with scissors cutting into the heart, they were folded directly out from the edge of the heart to make the art, **creating positive and negative space in the artwork.**
3. First have students **fold their 6" x 8" paper, so its width is 4" across and cut out their heart** (or use templates here and trace to cut out if desired). Have them start cutting from the bottom corner of their fold and extend all the way out to the edge of the 4" paper, curving to the top of the paper, and then finishing their curve inwards and down towards the center fold. **If they cut their heart size to be too small, it will make cutting out the shapes into the heart more difficult.**
4. Take a moment to **have students hold up the heart**, after they have cut it, so you can do a quick check and ensure that it is big enough.
5. Have students **cut the shapes from their heart to create positive and negative spaces.** Remind students that they want to make shape cut outs on both sides of the heart to create a sense of **balance** in their artwork.
6. Have students carefully **glue** down their main heart, as well as the cut out shapes.
7. Once artwork is complete, have students put their name on the back of the paper and clean up their area.

NOTE: Have students pick a black background paper or a black heart, if wanting unity in displaying the artwork.

