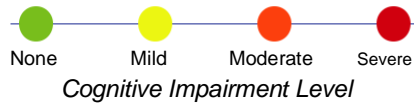


Art Activity

# Painting with Paper in the Style of Matisse



## Summary:

Residents use brightly colored paper of various shapes and sizes to create a collage in the style of Matisse's Jazz series.

## Objectives:

- Foster creative expression
- Increase self-esteem/positive mood
- Promote pro-social interaction



## Supplies:

- Brightly colored scrapbooking paper
- Pre-cut organic shapes from scrapbooking paper (see examples). Provide enough so that each resident can choose from 8-10.
- Glue
- 11" x 14" or similar size heavy, white paper, like painting paper; 1 for each resident

## Room Set Up:

- Position residents at tables to work
- Play soft, instrumental music:

**iN2L** Music, TV & Film > Jukebox



# Facilitating the Activity

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## Procedure

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1. Begin by personally welcoming residents to the group by saying each person's name and shaking each person's hand.
2. Introduce the activity:

**Say:**

*"Welcome! Today we are going to learn about the art of French artist Henri Matisse. This modern artist created a collection of artworks with a technique he referred to as painting with scissor. What do you think he meant by that?"*

Solicit responses.

**Say:**

*"These works were created late in Matisse's life, when he was confined to a wheelchair and could not paint anymore." Show examples from "Jazz" series found throughout this document. "While these cut-outs may look fairly simple to make, it takes a special talent to cut out and arrange these shapes, while knowing which colors will work well together to make the most interesting picture."*

Encourage residents to examine the various organic shapes—do they have any associations to these shapes? What does this shape remind you of—a horse, a plant, etc.?

**Say:**

*"The art project today will be to create your own version of one of these masterpieces."*

3. Pass out a variety of pre-cut shapes to residents.

**Say:**

*"I am giving each of you some interesting shapes in different colors. Select the shapes that appeal to you and position them on your black paper."*

Assist as needed (pieces can overlap).

4. Once residents are pleased with the position of their shapes, assist in gluing them to the white paper.
5. Center the completed collage on the black board and adhere into place.

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## Processing

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**Say:**

*"Thank you for joining us in our art activity today! I think we all had a good time."*

**Ask:**

*"Would anyone like to share their art with the group?"*

- Invite residents to share their pieces.
- Offer positive, affirming feedback; validate all efforts.

**Ask:**

*"Did you enjoy this process of painting with scissors? Would you like to try this again?"*

- Why/why not?

**Say**

*"Thank you again for spending time with your friends in our art group. We will look forward to seeing you again tomorrow."*

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## Adaptations/Modifications

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**Cognitive Impairment: None to Mild**

- Encourage these residents to cut their own shapes
- You may want to show them how to wiggle and move the scissors, so shapes have a round and bumpy quality. Have them collect about 10 shapes. Point out that they can use the negative shapes as well (the shape of the paper that is left after you cut out your shape). Matisse used his negative shapes all the time.

