OBJECTIVES

Students will...

• Technically be able to manipulate Sculpey® Clay and use their fine motor skills.
• Create a three-dimensional pin in the style of O’Keeffe by choosing their own flower and reproducing its characteristics.
• Become aware of features unique to individual flowers.
• View and discuss Georgia O’Keeffe’s flower paintings.
• Understand how art, art history, and science can be integrated.

STANDARDS

C.4. — Explore the elements and principles of design.
C.4.7 — Explore the natural characteristics of materials and their possibilities and limitations.

TIME

• Approximately 4 class periods (50 minutes each).
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose a flower from the resources provided.
2. Demonstrate how to make different kinds of flowers, their centers, petals, and leaves out of Sculpey®.
3. Students will practice drawing their flower in detail.
4. Students will decide on their Sculpey® colors and start forming their flower and its leaves or buds.
5. Cover the pin with the Sculpey® Ultra Light™ Clay.
6. Attach the flower to the pin carefully without smashing the petals and leaves.
7. Bake 15 minutes per ¼” of thickness at 275º F in a toaster oven.

Put clay flowers on tag board with students’ names on them, display in a glass case, and enjoy all the compliments!

INTRODUCTION

Teachers will provide examples of seed catalogs, flower books, and materials on Georgia O’Keeffe. A narrative talk about her life, style of art, and reproductions will take place before the hands-on activity, as well as questions about why people thought she painted flowers on such a large scale. Students will sketch a small thumbnail image of the flower they will reproduce for their pins. They will then make their flowers out of Sculpey® Clay.
ASSESSMENT

- Skill
- Effort
- Likeness to flower

Does it look similar to the flower they chose?
Is it dimensional or flattened?
Did they follow in the style of O’Keeffe?

RESOURCES:
Check out www.okeeffemuseum.org for additional information about the works of Georgia O’Keeffe, or visit the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum located in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

VOCABULARY

- Georgia O’Keeffe
- detail
- texture
- shape
- line
- Sculpey® clay
- Scientific Flower Parts:
  - anther
  - stigma
  - style
  - flower petals
  - stamen
  - leaves

MATERIALS LIST

- A metal button without a plastic back (e.g. a used campaign button)
- Stylus sticks, package of 100 — 0900846
- Sculpey® Ultra Light™ Clay, white — 9726734
- Sculpey III® Sampler Pack of 1-oz. bars, 30 bars in assorted colors — 9719131
- Sculpey III® 10-Piece Multi-Packs of 2-oz. bars
  - Classic Colors — 9719130
  - Natural Colors — 9719134
  - Bright Colors — 9719133
- Sculpey III® 6-lb. Classroom Set, 1 lb. each of white, black, blue, yellow, red, and emerald — 9725936
- AMACO® Polymer Clay and Craft Oven — 9725425
- Flower books or seed catalogs
- Georgia O’Keeffe reproductions

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