

Positive / Negative Design

Materials:

construction paper - 4½" x 6"

pencil or pen

scissors

glue

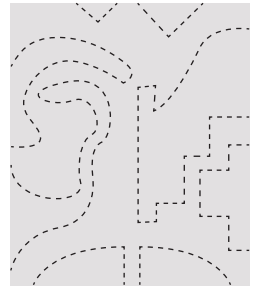
white paper 11" x 17"

Step 1: On the 4½" x 6" piece of construction paper draw some organic and geometric shapes that begin on the outside edges. See example

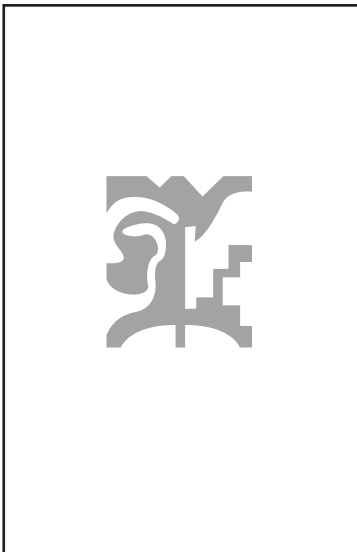


Step 2: Use your scissors to cut out the shapes. Use an envelope to keep your pieces safe while you work.

Tip: try not to make shapes that look too similar or you may get confused where they will be placed in step 4.



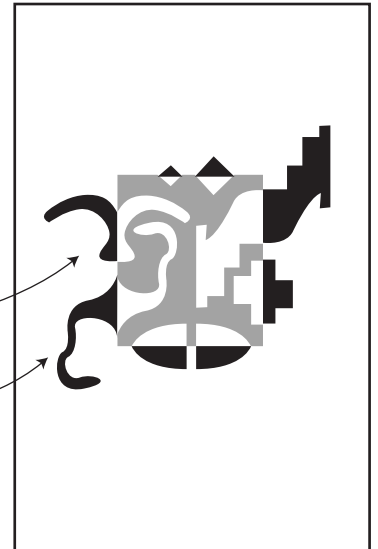
Step 3: On your 11" x 17" sheet of white paper, glue down the center of your construction paper cut out.



Step 4: Flip each positive shape out to create the new design. Glue each positive shape down.

Tip: there are two ways to flip shapes.

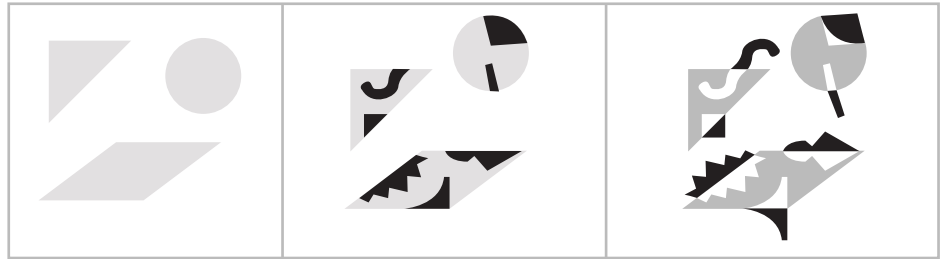
- 1: Vertical
- or,
- 2: Vertical and horizontal



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Step 5: Repeat steps 1-4 beginning with different shapes.

Use scrap construction paper to cut out small circles, triangles, rectangles, octagons, etc.

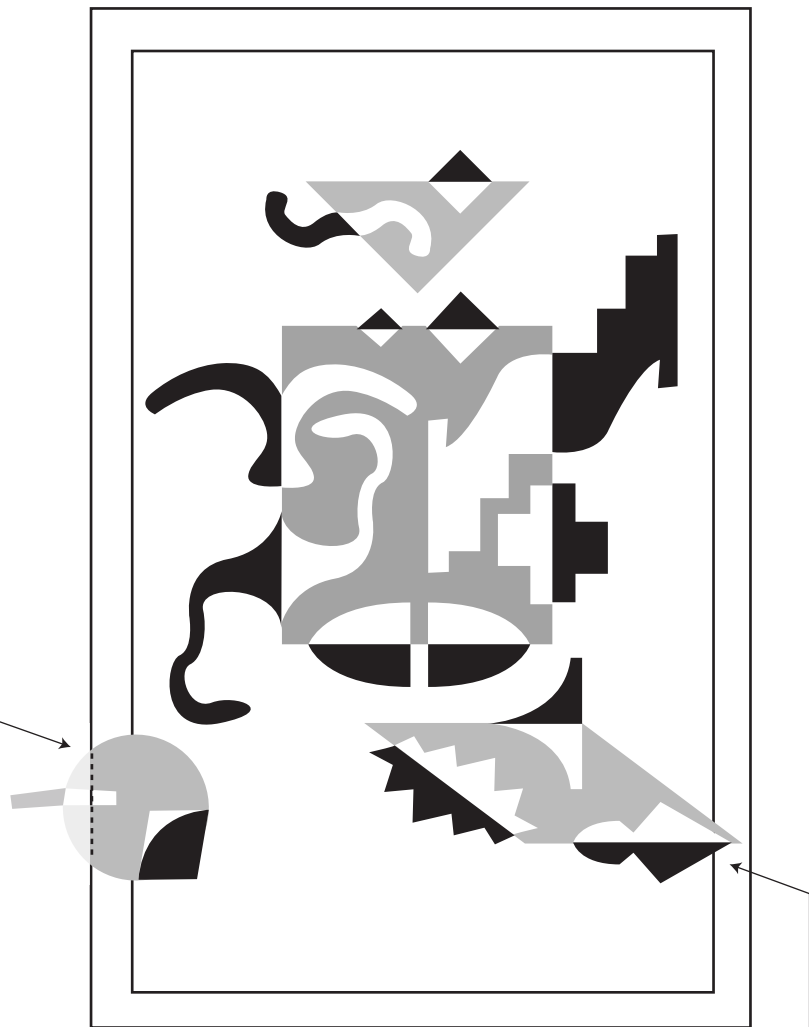


Step 6: Use these small designs to fill the extra space on your 11" x 17" sheet of paper.

Be thoughtful with the way to position the pieces on your composition.

Try a few different places before gluing your pieces down.

Tip: if a design does not fit allow it to hang over the edge of the paper. After the pieces are dry, you can trim off the extra pieces.



Step 7: Use a ruler and a pencil to draw a border around your design. If your border is going to cross over a design. Stop the border and allow the design to break the border line. Go over your border with a dark marker. Use a ruler to make sure your lines are straight.