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Composition: Positive Negative Space

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Objective: To create a composition that uses both positive and negative space. (This could also be framed using figure and ground)

Best for: 7th-12th grade, individual

Concepts and Skills: Space, composition, form, creativity, framing views, breathing room, eye movement

Materials:

Small pieces of paper

2 pieces of construction paper of different colors

scissors or exacto blades

glue stick

Time: 1-2 class periods

Sketch warm-up:

1. Make a viewfinder: fold the small piece of paper in half and cut out a rectangle (this is your viewfinder)
2. Hold the viewfinder at arms length and squint one eye.
3. Draw an object in your sketchbook that intersects with 3 sides of the frame.

Assignment:

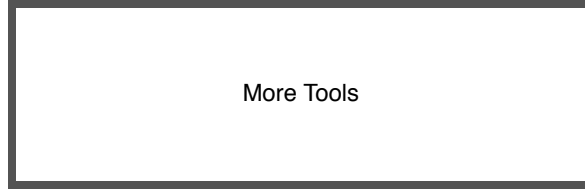
1. After looking at the reference images in the slideshow and your viewfinder composition sketches, sketch a composition with equal emphasis on negative and positive space.
2. Similar to the viewfinder sketches, your composition of positive space must touch 3 sides of the edge of the paper.
3. Using construction paper, cut out positive space elements and glue them onto a contrasting color of paper using a gluestick.

Assessment:

25% Precision

50% Completion of all steps in the process

25% Creativity of composition



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