

TEXTILE EXPLORATION

GLUE BATIK

SUMMARY

Participants will learn batik-making by using blue gel glue instead of wax as the dye-resist.

VOCAB

Batik: wax-resist process for making designs on fabric that originated in Indonesia

Wax: a yellowish sticky substance made by bees used for original batik

Dye-Resist: a method used to “resist” or prevent the dye from reaching the cloth

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT

Creating batik butterflies with fabric paint on fabric squares that can be sewn together and displayed as a quilt or displayed individually.

Age Range: 6 +

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Monarch butterfly migration: Monarchs make a 3,000 mile journey each year between Canada and Mexico. Unfortunately, monarch butterfly numbers are in decline. Climate change and habitat alteration have impacted the survival of monarch butterflies.

Monarch butterfly symbol of immigration: As a symbol of the immigration rights movement, the monarch butterfly’s image humanizes undocumented individuals living in the United States. It represents freedom and the beauty of migration.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ARTIST

Favianna Rodriguez | www.favianna.com

A social justice activist based in Oakland, California, Favianna uses her art to address migration, economic inequality, gender justice, sexual freedom and ecology. Her popular image titled “Migration is Beautiful” highlights the beautiful stories of who we are as humans, the dignity and resilience of migrants and the right that all living beings have to move freely.



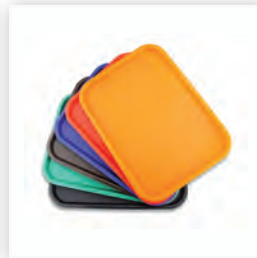
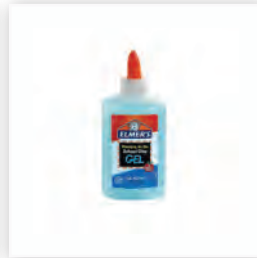
MATERIALS

For 12 participants

Supplies	Vendor	Aprox. Cost
Fabric paint	Amazon	\$21.99
Plastic containers	Amazon	\$13.16
Foam Brushes	Amazon	\$7.50
Wax paper	Amazon	\$9.13
100% cotton napkins	Amazon	\$22.99
Washable Blue Glue	Amazon	\$13.50
Tub	Home Depot	\$5.75
Pencils	Amazon	\$4.78
Trays	Amazon	\$22.95

Aprox. Project Cost

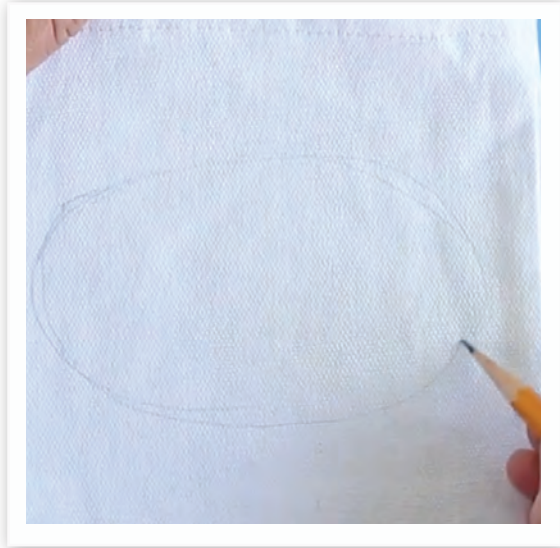
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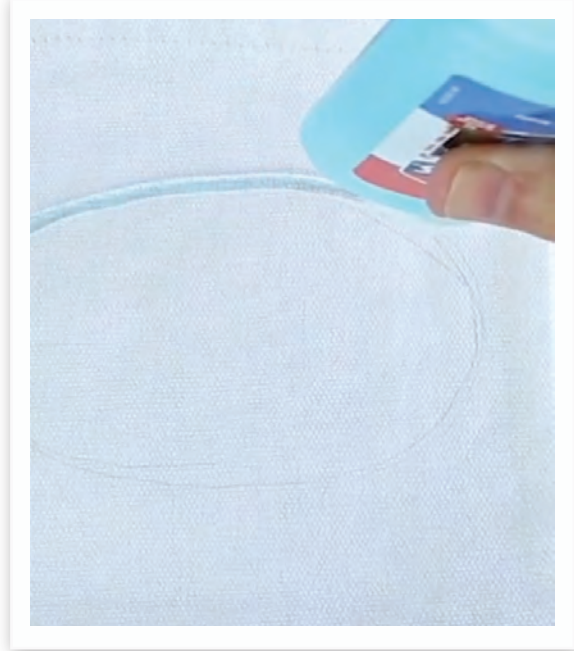
INSTRUCTIONS

Drawing with Glue

Step 1: Cut wax paper to fit in the tray and place it on the tray. Place the fabric on top of the wax paper. Draw a butterfly with a pencil. Some participants might want to sketch on copy paper first.

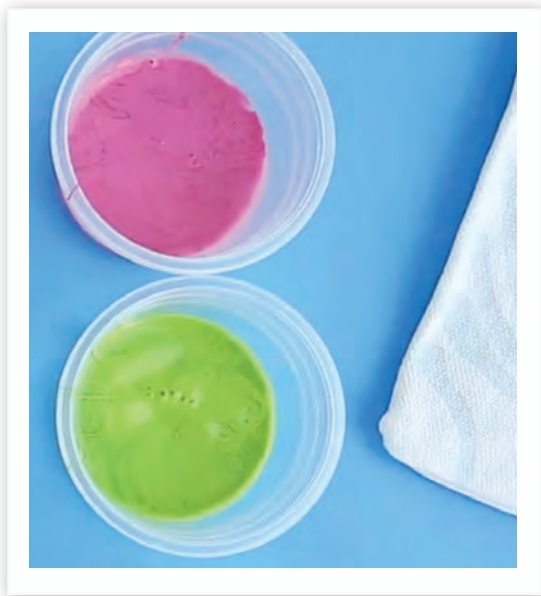


Step 2: Trace the line drawing with the glue bottle. Let dry completely for 12 hrs or overnight.



Adding color with Fabric Paint

Step 1: Water down the fabric paint by pouring it in plastic containers and mixing it with water.



Step 2: Paint the design using the brushes. Go over all the glue lines. When finished painting, let dry completely for a few hours.



INSTRUCTIONS

Rinsing Fabric

Step 1: Soak painted fabric in a warm (almost hot) water bath in a tub between 15-30min. Scrub with fingernails and when the glue is all off the fabric, wring it out and hang to dry (you can use a hair dryer to speed up the process).



NOTES

- You can substitute watered down acrylic paint if needed
- You can use any kind of 100% cotton fabric depending on the finished look that you want
- Read fabric paint instructions
- Iron fabric after it's dry to add a final finishing touch!
- Keep designs simple (glue might spread as it dries out)
- Write participant's name on the napkin tag

IMAGE CREDITS

- BabbleDabbleDo.com/glue-batik
- inspirationmadesimple.com
- thatartistwoman.org

INSTRUCTIONS

Butterfly images

Some kids might not want to draw a butterfly from scratch. Below is an example of a butterfly that can be traced with light cotton fabric or used as reference from www.cool2bkids.com. More images can be found online.

