

FAMILY DAY

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Blending Beautiful Butterflies with BFA Stacie Heiner

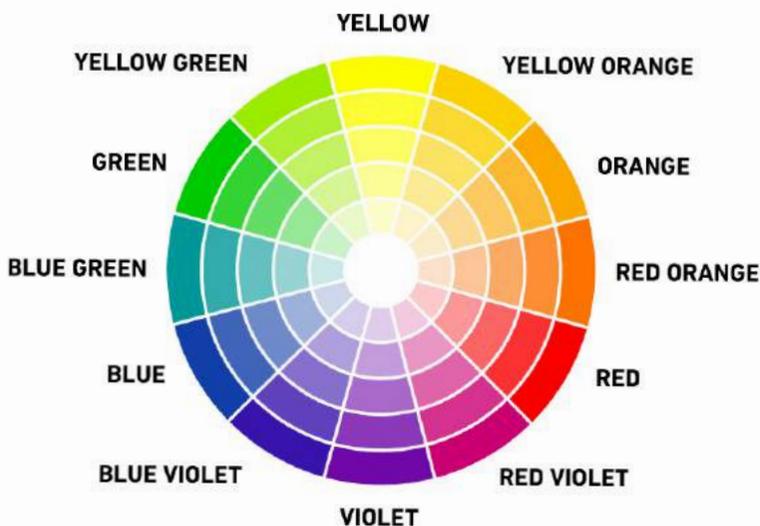
Stacie Heiner is a 2020 SUU BFA graduate going into Art Instruction. Her work on display at SUMA consists of butterflies made by students at Enoch Elementary and Gateway Preparatory Academy. Today, you will get to make your very own butterfly like Stacie's with the materials you have around your house!

Beautiful Butterflies

Materials Needed:

- Printed handout of gradient and butterflies
- Any art materials you have at home (paint, crayons, colored pencils, etc!)
- Scissors (optional)
- String (optional)

Stacie makes her beautiful butterflies by applying colors in a gradient. Gradients happen when two or more colors gradually blend into one another. Today, you'll be practicing how to color a gradient and then using that practice to create a butterfly. The butterfly wings will look like the example seen here, but with your own colors!



Instructions

You can pick any kind of art materials to create your gradient. Whatever you have at your house, you can make work!

On the left is a color wheel, which shows you which colors are complementary. Complementary colors are colors that are across the wheel from each other. Green is across from red, so they're complementary and this means they look nice next to each other. You can use the color wheel to help you choose your colors, but you can also use any colors you like! You could do all one color with different shades, or even just your favorite colors.

Step 1:

To start, practice creating a gradient. Print the handout attached and pick out two colors that would go well together. These could be two of your favorite colors, complementary colors, or two colors that mix to create a third color; like red and blue mixing to make purple (opposite colors). On the worksheet, there's a box for you to practice making gradients.

Step 2:

Fill in one color on the top, and one color on the bottom. Move them closer together and blend them in the middle. Practice applying different amounts of pressure to help the colors blend. You shouldn't be able to see where the color stops and starts. They should blend well and create a third color in the middle.



Step 3:

Now that you have practiced creating a gradient, try the technique on the butterfly! Repeat the process on the wings of the butterflies. Once you're done coloring, cut them out.

Step 4:

If you want to make an art installation of butterflies like Stacie's, take a piece of string and tape it to the gradient butterflies. Stacie's installation creates a swirl effect by taping butterflies at different lengths.

SHARE!

Now that you have created a gradient butterfly, share a photo of your masterpiece with SUMA so we can share it with the community. Tag us on Instagram @suma_museum, use #SUMAatHome or email us your photo at experiencesuma@suu.edu.

