BURCHFIELD CONNECTS

COLLAGRAPH PRINT

Transform your initials into a colorful artwork!

What You Need: Cardboard, Pencils, Sissors, Glue, Paint, Paintbrushes Optional: Rolling pin, Brayer

1. Dig out any materials that have good textures for your students to utilize. In the example cardboard was only used.
2. Sketch your designs onto their collagraph plates. You may want to do some research or pre-planning first. Think of how you can transform a single intial (in the example it’s the letter c) into another image altogether.
3. Cut out and glue the textured items onto the collagraph plates. Try to use a variety of textures and to fill the space. Make sure you don’t glue items that are super tall. To ensure successful printing, the surface should remain relatively even.
4. Apply the paint to the collagraph plates using paintbrushes.
   *If your paint is drying quickly spray the finished collagraph plate with a water spray bottle to re-moisten the medium. The plate just needs a touch of water. It doesn’t need to be soaked.*
5. Center the paper over the plate and use their hands to gently rub and press the paper. This where you can use the option of a rolling pin for easier transfer.
6. Once they’re certain the print has been made, have them remove the paper to reveal the print. Encourage your students to pull more prints to make a series. Paint may need to be reapplied.