RAFT IDEAS

Topics: Artistic Perception, Creative Expression, Greeting Cards

Materials List
- ✓ Cardboard or matte board
- ✓ Double-sided adhesive sheets/tape
- ✓ Ultra fine glitter
- ✓ Colored papers
- ✓ Cardstock
- ✓ Optional: Die cut for frame and/or other appropriate shape (Die cuts available at RAFT)
- ✓ Optional: shape hand punches
- ✓ Optional: magnetic strips or picture stands

This activity can be used to support the teaching of:
National Visual Arts:
- Experiment w/ forms, structures & materials (Creating, Grades K-8)
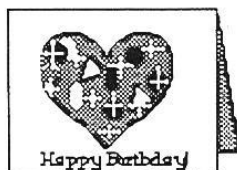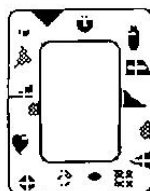
English Language Arts:
- Narratives (Grades K-8, Writing, 3)
- Organization & development (Grades 3-8, Writing, 4)
- Grammar /Spelling (Grades K-8, Language, 1, 2)
- Use knowledge of language when writing (Grades 2-8, Language, 3)

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Glitter Frames and Cards
Add glitz and sparkle to you memories and greetings

Create unique, eye-catching frames and greeting cards.

Assembly for frames
1. Press one side of double-stick adhesive onto the cardboard or matte board pieces. Rub firmly on the release paper side to make sure the adhesive is firmly attached to the cardboard or matte board. The adhesive can be applied to the either side of a two-colored piece of cardboard or matte board, depending on the contrast desired with the colors of added glitter and colored paper pieces.
2. Hand cut or die cut a frame shape from of the cardboard. Save the resulting punch-outs for cards or other projects.
3. Cut colored paper into shapes (e.g., circles, squares, triangles, ovals) or punch them out using a die cutter or shape hand punches.
4. Peel the release paper off the frame and place the colored shapes onto the exposed adhesive surface.
5. Pour ultra-fine glitter over the frame. Press on it to make sure the glitter adheres to the adhesive. Shake off the excess glitter. Check that all the stickiness is gone. Repeat as needed. Save the excess glitter to reuse.
6. Glue a picture in the frame from the back.
7. To finish the project glue a piece of card stock to the back of the frame.
8. Optional: Glue a magnet to the back of the frame so it can attach to a refrigerator or other magnetic surface, or glue a stand to the back to make it freestanding.

Assembly for greeting cards
Use the technique as listed above except hand cut or die cut a holiday or other shape from the adhesive/cardboard instead of a frame. Attach the shape to the front of a card or a folded piece of cardstock.

The Content Behind the Activity
Frames evolved from the artistic borders that artists used to enclose scenes and decorative panels. Providing a frame for a piece of art has been a way of honoring the artistic effort, enhancing the art, and giving a project a more finished look.

Greeting cards have been used for centuries, including in Ancient Egypt and China. The first recorded modern Christmas card, is attributed to artist John Calcott Horsley, hired by Sir Henry Cole in 1843 to design a holiday card that he could send to friends. The greeting card industry has grown ever since, fueled by developments in 3 main areas: printing and mechanization, postage, and literacy.

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=81 for more resources!)
- History of Frames - http://www.paulmitchell.co.uk/publications/history.html
- History of Greeting Cards - http://www.emotionscards.com/museum/history.html & http://www.greetingcard.org/AbouttheIndustry/History/tabid/72/Default.aspx