

50 FREE SHORT ART ACTIVITIES

1. **Pictionary** - Have each student write a word and draw from a hat or use a deck of cards from a Pictionary Game - divide the class into 2 teams
2. **Sculptionary** - Same idea but sculpt using oil based clay or PlayDoh
3. **Friendship Bracelet** - Use embroidery floss to create a bracelet for your friend - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehXlXrWQp1g&t=325s>
4. **Blooket, Quizizz, Kahoot!** - So many art games and review ready to play
5. **Dictionary Drawing** - Take a page from the dictionary and illustrate one or more words from the page, color lightly with colored pencils
6. **Plein Air Drawing** - Use a book, clipboards or drawing boards, go outside and draw what you see
7. **Sidewalk Chalk** - Draw a mural students can color, trace each other and make life size portraits or free draw
8. **Game Day** - Bring in your board games, cards or have a spoons tourney
9. **Art Trivia** - Top of your head questions they should know. Each correct guess gets a ticket, token or candy
10. **Origami Crane** - How to make an origami crane - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTK9YeR-oLc>
11. **Origami Nesting Dolls** - Create stacking kittens using a simple origami cup design - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jf0SveJcXcs>
12. **Origami Box** - Create a functional box with 2 pieces of origami paper - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXgRrPUB2Bk>
13. **Origami Transforming Ninja Star** - Make a star using 8 Post Its or cut square paper - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83xjZSvaV_I
14. **Op Art** - 17 video tutorials, many using just markers, pencil or crayon - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyXa2DtSfY4&list=PLLaEaJH73vhUiJOniilfitzRDXWz27zEN>
15. **Flexagon** - Use markers to create a 4 sided fidget! (Template link listed in YouTube description) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA3XAQMmWFg>
16. **Shrink Art** - Use Sharpie markers on Shrink film (search 'shrink sheets' on Amazon)
17. **Memory Book** - Cut papers in half and staple together to make a book for classmates to sign and write a notes
18. **Marble Paper** - Fill a container with shaving cream, add drops of liquid watercolors, lightly swirl with pencil and set paper on top. Remove shaving cream with a ruler.
19. **Test Markers** - Fill a paper with marks, lines, shapes and make non-objective work of art. Afterward, sort markers using a color wheel.
20. **Cleaning Contest** - Give a reward to students who organize storage room and supplies for next year, clean tables and counters, sinks, and DUST!
21. **Experimental Art** - Use leftover supplies to create a work of art
22. **Movies** - The Lego Ninjago Movie, Coraline or My Neighbor Totoro
23. **Stop Motion Animation** - Use Stop Motion Studio App - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxfm8injPiQ&t=472s>
24. **Create a Class Coloring Book** - Copy and charge a small fee for paper - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTqjKhE1psE>
25. **Artist Trading Cards** - Cut 2.5 X 3.5 tagboard and have students make a mini-masterpiece. Once they are finished, trade with friends in the class.

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26. **Banner** - Make a "Back to School" banner for next year
27. **Post-It Note Art Show** - Make a mini masterpiece on a Post-It Note and display next year to welcome back students
28. **Found Object Drawing** - Incorporate a found object into your drawing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_m6DfITEQkg&t=32s
29. **Roll-a-Picasso Drawing** - Or any other "roll-a-drawing" handout you can find
30. **Pass the Drawing** - Start a drawing, set a timer, when the timer sounds pass it on, continue until time runs out
31. **Exquisite Corpse** - Fold paper into thirds- a different artist draws the head, torso and legs -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPb3GYBOMGI>
32. **Coloring Contest** - Print out any coloring image and make it an old fashioned coloring contest or a 3 marker challenge - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orF22kYcEF8&t=4s>
33. **Painting with Water** - Just water, paintbrushes and a sidewalk. Paint as fast as you can before it disappears.
34. **Shadow Drawing** - Use objects to create cast shadows and trace them on paper
35. **Ted Talks** - Personal favorite Phil Hansen - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrZTho_o_is
36. **Texture Hunt** - Fill your paper with texture rubbings. For example, bottom of shoes -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SkOnS3rUoY&t=17s>
37. **Paper Airplanes** - Have a contest to see who's design will fly the farthest
38. **Lettering** - Write your name in 20 unique fonts - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_u_tnzCzhSY&t=82s
39. **Design An Alphabet** - Write the entire alphabet in a new font
40. **Draw with Letters** - Draw objects using only letters - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiVpUuwkelw>
41. **Disney+** - Disney Sketchbook or Disney Shorts
42. **How to Draw** - A playlist of step by step drawing tutorials, draw along -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekQaDJ_YpHs&list=PLLaEaJH73vhU7T_Azn1TwSaRI1IJVFxJE
43. **Oreo Cameo** - Each child creates a bas relief portrait sculpture with an Oreo and some toothpicks for sculpting tools
44. **Nature Installation** - Learn about Andy Goldsworthy and create an installation outside using stick, leaves and weeds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nP6-oKDZZhk>
45. **Salt Drawing** - Use salt in ketchup bottles to draw on black paper -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47qrq0ebGNw&t=15s>
46. **Found Object Art: Backpack Challenge** - Limited to using only items found in your backpack to create a portrait - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSqpmSmJo-8&t=48s>
47. **Chopped Jr. Art Edition** - Provide "basket ingredients" and give a time limit to create a sculpture -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fgolJ3mLPc&t=50s>
48. **Google Drawings** - Use Google Drawings to create digital art -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxQwCy-TBk8>
49. **Toothpick Sculptures** - Use toothpicks and Model Magic & work in groups -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqjHxJe7XTQ&t=3s>
50. **Op Art Spinner** - Use a penny and tagboard -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGtmetKLs9M>

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