



Lesson

Sock Monkey Collage

Objectives: Students will learn about collage and write a simple poem based on their work of art.

Standards Met: 1.4 Compare and contrast 2 works of art made by the use of different art tools and media. 5.2 Write a poem or story inspired by their own work of art. (3rd Grade)

Materials: (for each student)

- 9"x12" watercolor paper
- 9"x12" colored construction paper
- Brown Tempera Paint
- Large, hard bristled, flat paint brushes
- Sock Monkey Pictures(found in top drawer of flat-file storage)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Scrapbook paper scraps(in brown cabinet)
- White & Red paper scraps(out of strip & scrap boxes)
- Lace, buttons, ribbon, etc...(have parents donate, if possible)

Introduction: Show the students the pictures of the sock monkeys and have them pick out their favorites and discuss the things they have in common. Explain that they are going to make a work of art based on these funny creatures by doing a collage. Define collage. Show example.

Project Instructions: Set up the back table as your paint table with brown paint, 6 brushes and paper towels. Make sure you cover it with newspaper. Have kids get started on cutting out their mouths, muzzles and clothing for their sock monkeys at their tables. Put out a few of the templates on each table and they can just trace around them in pencil and cut out. While they are working on this, call back 6 students at a time to paint their sock monkey paper. They will be doing drybrushing, meaning using very little paint! Have them dip the brush in the paint, dab off most on the paper plate and then drag the dry brush over their white paper(see example). Because they will be drybrushing, the papers should dry quickly, making it possible for them to get their sock monkey bodies cut out. While the papers dry, have them continue to cut out clothing and possibly select other adornments as well. Use painted paper for body, ears & arms. Have them glue down all parts to background paper and add buttons, lace, ribbons, etc.. with white glue. If desired, have them give their sock monkey a name and write a simple poem about them.

VOCABULARY

-TEXTURE

The way a surface looks and feels-
rough, smooth, silky, etc...

-COLLAGE

A work of art created by gluing bits
of paper, fabric, scraps, or other
materials to a flat surface.

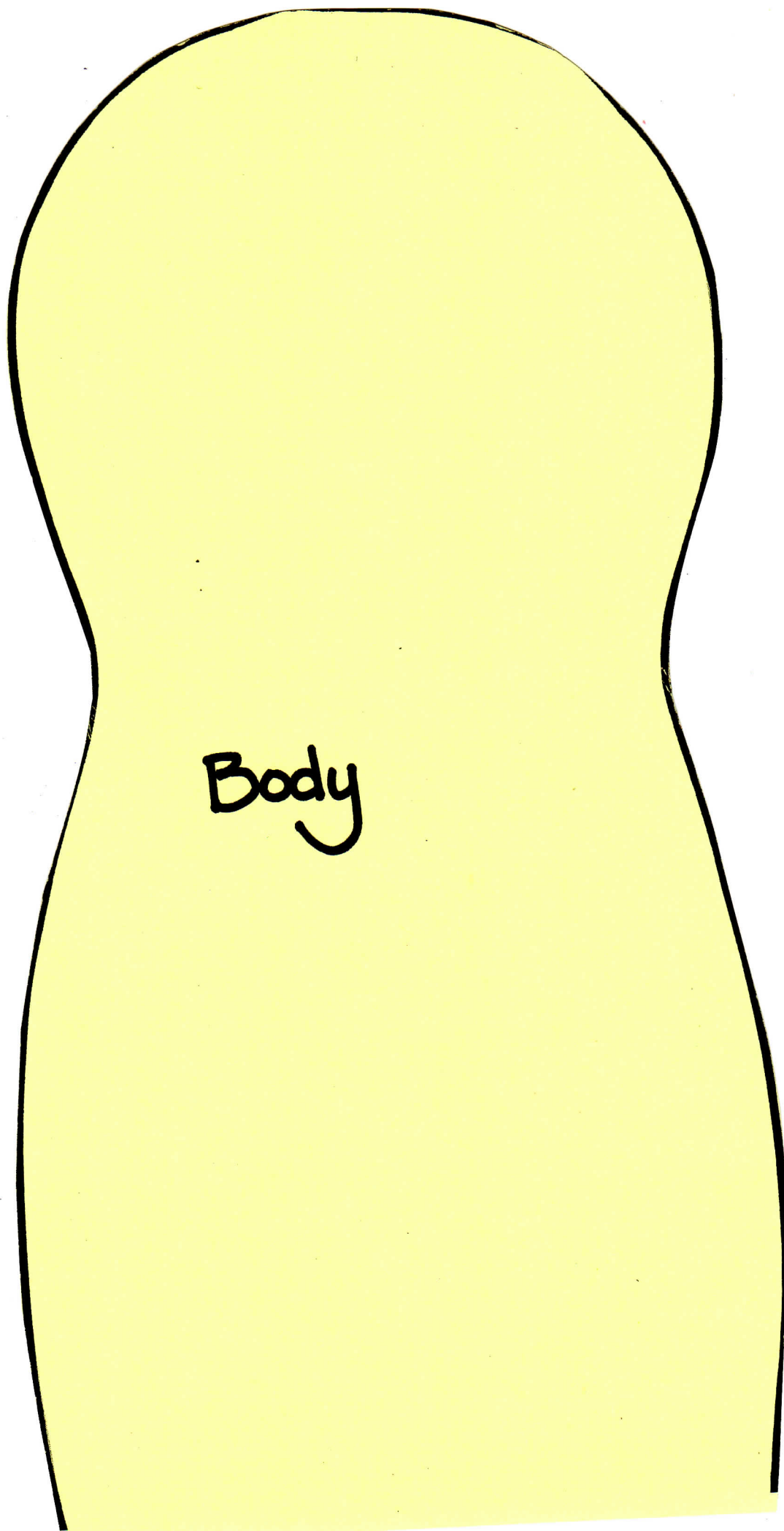
-DRY BRUSHING

A painting technique in which a
Dry paintbrush is used

Sample-
Sock Monkey
Collage Paper
(Dry Brushing!)



← use big
flat brush
like this!



Body

