

Title of the activity : Encaustic art - basic

For who : 6+

Duration : 30 mn

Number of players : 1 and more

Place : inside

Characteristic :

- art
- encaustic – art with hot wax

Type of game : art

Educational interest :

- creativity
- ice-breaker for emotional feelings

Materials :

- encaustic tools (iron, pen and others)
- encaustic material – crayons and paper
- place for work

Goal : Basic skills of encaustic art, secondary ice-breaker for feelings

Method :

1. We should prepare the place for work. The place can be for sitting or standing (it's up to you), but you should cover the table with some textil or big paper. For sure we should put some bigger paper under the encaustic paper. Now we can prepare the encaustic tools and material.
2. The first enc. paper you can use just for trying what you can do with the tools. We put the wax on the iron (I recommend you more colors e. g. 2-3) and watch them melt. Now we turn it around, put it on the enc. paper and move it slowly. Like this we can see how the material works – changing and mixing colors. In this moment the person knows the basic rules for using enc. tools.
3. By encaustic art you can do abstract pictures, that's why the topics should be abstract. You can use feelings like happiness, sadness,... or just topics like summer, water, ... We also used it with youth and for discussing social problems – the topics were : violence, poverty, education,... after the workshop we talked about social problems and their opinions about it.

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