

ART PROJECT

EGYPTIAN ART SARCOPHAGUS DESIGN



3RD GRADE AND UP ELEMENTARY ART CLASSES
ACTIVITIES, DEMO VIDEO, GUIDES, & MORE

A FOCUS ON ART HISTORY



This lesson pack is geared towards 3rd and up in elementary and lower middle school art classes.



Introduce Egyptian art while reviewing line, shape, color, pattern, and symbolism.



Teacher notes and demo video included to help you guide the project. No experience is needed!



Lesson plan, activities, demo video, and more.

WHAT YOU GET

This Project Pack Includes:

- ✔ Lesson plan & notes (6 pages)
- ✔ Demo Video (7 minutes)
- ✔ Fast Finisher (3 pages)
- ✔ Project Guide (3 pages)
- ✔ PowerPoint (18 slides)
- ✔ Checklist (1 page)



Egyptian Sarcophagus Design

Personalizing Art History

Age Group: 3rd Grade and up

Artist Exemplar: Egyptian art

Big Idea: Personalizing art history

Essential Questions:

- What is symbolism?
- What are characteristics of an Egyptian sarcophagus?
- How can you create personal artwork?

I can...

- Learn about Egyptian art history.
- Design my own Egyptian sarcophagus.
- Include symbols and colors that represent me.
- Take care of supplies and clean up after myself.

Objective: Students will...

- Learn about Egyptian art, including hieroglyphics, symbolism, and sarcophagus.

Teacher Notes

- **SCAFFOLDING:**
 - Students will build upon past knowledge of the elements of art and principles of design as they learn about and apply ways to achieve unity and contrast through the use of pattern and color.
- **TEACHING TIPS:**
 - Choose to make this project a short or long one depending on what size sarcophagus students draw.
 - If drawn on light tan paper this project makes a nice art show entry or part of a Egyptian artwork display.
 - This works well as an early finishers project for the Egyptian Cartonche printmaking project or can be a stand-alone project.
 - If making a large sarcophagus template cut out and trace around the pattern on thin cardboard to make patterns for each table.
 - Allow students to choose symbols and colors outside of the Egyptian meaning. For example, they add a basketball or dog because they feel they are symbolic to them.
- **MODIFICATIONS:**

LESSON PLAN

NATIONAL US STANDARDS, SUPPLIES, INSTRUCTIONS, 6 PAGES

Today...

- ❑ Practice pattern designs if needed!
- ❑ Add an oval for the head.
- ❑ Add a headdress and face.
- ❑ Add curving, smile lines to create stripes.
- ❑ Add patterns to some of the stripes.
- ❑ Pick symbols to add.
- ❑ Add color to your design.
- ❑ Optional: Work on a early finisher activity.



Egyptian Art

- Ancient Egypt is one of the world's oldest civilizations. It existed for over 3,000 years of history.
- Art was an important part of everyday life in ancient Egypt and is still important today.



Egyptian Art and Parts

- Egyptian art is a mix of different styles and materials. It includes paintings, sculptures, and jewelry.
- Egyptian art is often found in tombs and temples. It is used to tell stories and honor the dead.

What is a sarcophagus?

- A sarcophagus is a large stone or metal coffin used to hold the body of the dead.
- They were often decorated with hieroglyphs and other symbols.
- The word 'sarcophagus' comes from the Greek words 'sarkis' (flesh) and 'phagos' (eater).



Egyptian Sarcophagi

- Sarcophagi were often made of stone or metal and were decorated with hieroglyphs and other symbols.
- They were used to hold the body of the dead and were often placed in tombs.



Your Project

1. You will create your own Egyptian sarcophagus.
2. You will use markers to create patterns and symbols.
3. You will use the patterns and symbols to create a design.
4. You will use the design to create a drawing of a sarcophagus.



Pattern

- When you repeat lines, colors, and shapes in a predictable way it creates a pattern.
- Patterns were used by ancient Egyptians to create art.
- You will use patterns to create your own Egyptian sarcophagus.



Step One

- I started making a template for the sarcophagus. I drew an oval for the head and a rectangle for the body.
- I added an oval for the head and a rectangle for the body.




Early Finisher

- You can use the patterns and symbols to create a drawing of a sarcophagus.

PRESENTATION

PROJECT INTRODUCTION, WARM & COOL INTRO, 18 SLIDES



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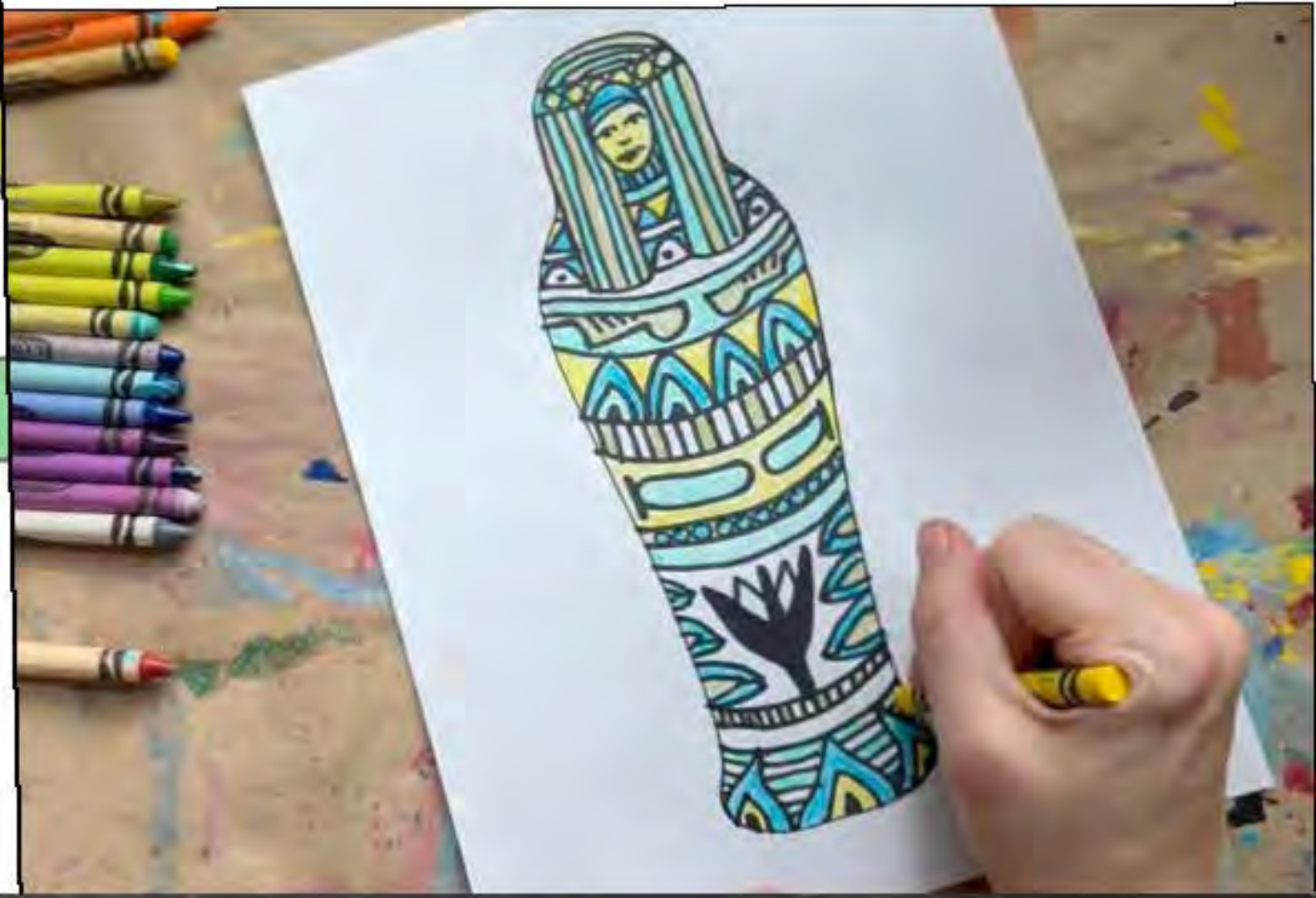
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DEMO VIDEO

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREATING THE PROJECT

7 MINUTES LONG

EGYPTIAN SARCOPHAGUS

DESIGN YOUR OWN

Real Egyptian sarcophagi were the external (if a family of large size) or internal (if a family of small size) resting place for the deceased, painted with bright colors, and sometimes painted with gold.



SARCOPHAGUS HEAD: Draw around the face line. Add eyes, nose, and a mouth. Add hair or a headdress. The headdress shows the social position of the deceased.

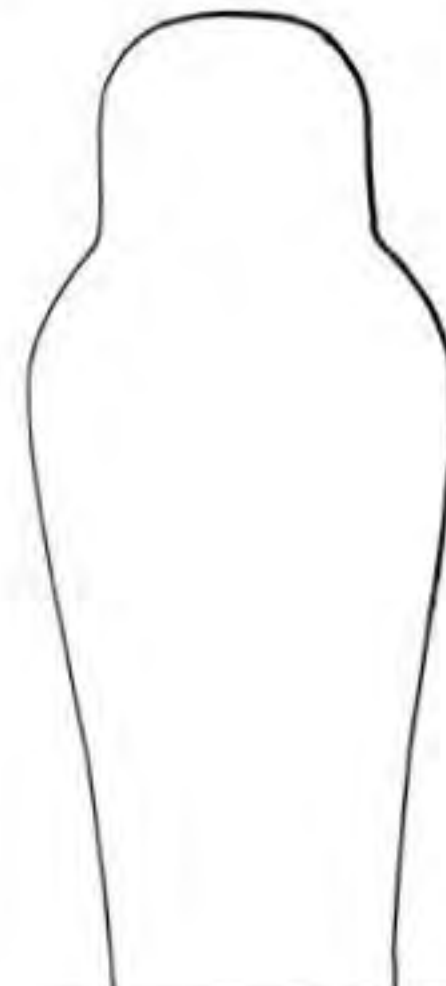


OPTIONAL ARMS: To represent an addressee's hands, draw them in the two regions. To give the face a more realistic appearance, draw the hands in the two regions. Then, drawing from the face, draw the hands in the two regions.



EGYPTIAN SARCOPHAGUS

EXAMPLES



PROJECT GUIDE

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS,
COLOR & COLOUR SPELLING, 3 PAGES

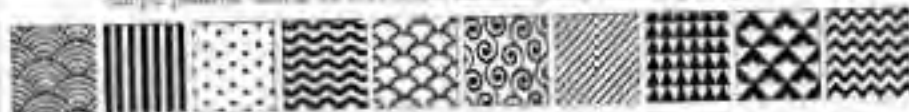
EGYPTIAN SARCOPHAGUS PATTERN PRACTICE

Draw the following lines and shapes to create a pattern in the boxes below.
Look at the sarcophagus examples for pattern ideas.
When you feel ready, design your own sarcophagus on the next page.

EGYPTIAN SYMBOLISM ACTIVITY GUIDE

PATTERNS

Color, shape, and texture can be repeated to create patterns. Patterns are often found in Egyptian art.
Sample patterns, such as the ones below, can create really interesting designs in art.



SYMBOLS

Egyptians used a lot of symbols. Symbols are often added to art to help tell a story.
Check out some Egyptian symbols and meanings below.



ACTIVITY GUIDE

Draw a design below that includes patterns and symbols from the list.
Think about what story you are telling with the symbols and what they mean. Add color to make your best!

FAST FINISHER

EXPLORING PATTERN & SYMBOLS, 3 PAGES

SARCOPHAGUS DESIGN

CHECKLIST

- _____ Optional: traced the sarcophagus template on a sheet of paper.
- _____ Added a face to the design.
- _____ Added a headdress, hair, or similar decoration around the face.
- _____ Added curving, smile lines to create stripes.
- _____ Added patterns to some of the stripes.
- _____ Lines, shapes, and colors are repeated to create patterns.
- _____ Picked symbols to add to personalize the design and symbolism
- _____ Added color to your design, selected colors based on meaning.
- _____ The color helps to emphasize the pattern in the design.
- _____ Optional: Worked on an early finisher activity.
- _____ Cared for supplies and cleaned up after yourself.

GRADING

CHECKLIST, 1 PAGE

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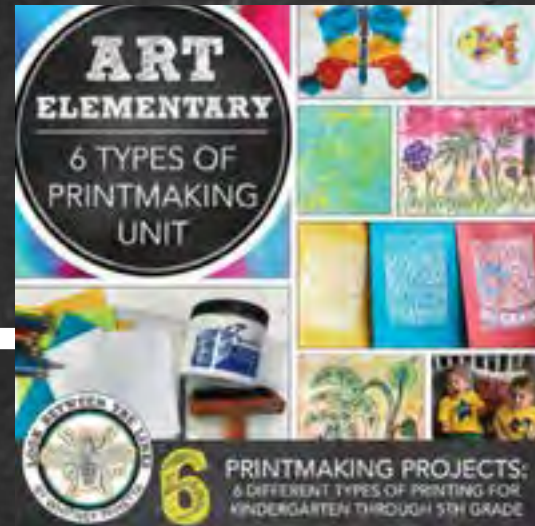


"This was so helpful to my students! The PowerPoint along with it was such a great resource and I will definitely be using this every year!"



"Fabulous resource! Students loved it!!!!
Thank you for sharing!"

CHECK OUT MORE PRODUCTS:



Check out more projects for elementary through high school students.

Grab early finishers for those quick artists or an entire curriculum so you can focus on teaching.

[VIEW MORE HERE](#)

LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES

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