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Torn Insect Art

Many insects in nature are very colorful and have interesting shapes. This activity will allow you to creatively explore insect shape and color by creating original and whimsical insect creatures. You will tear colored paper into shapes appropriate for insects. Shapes are to be arranged and glued to a background sheet.

Plan:
What are the “typical” insect parts?

What are some of the shapes of insects you have seen?

What are some of the colors you’ve seen on insects?

Do:
Begin with black background paper. Create your insect by tearing (no cutting allowed) the various parts of your insect from colored construction paper. It is best to arrange all the pieces on the paper the way you want them before gluing them. Finish the project by clearly labeling: head, abdomen, thorax, eyes, antennae, mouth parts, and wings if visible. Be sure your name is on this paper and staple it to the back of your project before handing it in.

Assessment Checklist:

☐ All shapes are torn.
☐ The image fills the space on the background paper well.
☐ Image uses color in an interesting way.
☐ All parts were neatly glued down.
☐ Insect has all common body parts.
☐ Body parts are correctly labeled.
☐ Student focused on getting the project done and turned in on time.

Number of checkmarks:_______ + 3 effort pts. = ______/10

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