

CANADIAN ARTIST INSPIRED ART IDEAS

Artist: Theodore Dragonieri

Theodore Dragonieri is a Canadian artist well known for painting, collaging and reconstructing old shoes to symbolize great artists of the 20th century.

What you need:

- A pair of old shoes
- Paintbrushes
- Acrylic or liquid tempera paint with white glue added to it
- A specific painter's style for inspiration
- Paper and pencil
- Water and tins

What to do:

1. Show and discuss examples of Theodore Dragonieri art. What do students think of it?
2. First, have students choose an artist's style that they would like to duplicate.
3. Students should then sketch a painting that they will paint onto the shoes.
4. Next, make sure students have removed any laces from the shoes.
5. Then, once sure of their plan, students can paint their sketch onto their shoes. If working with a pair of dark shoes, students may wish to first prime their shoes white.
6. Once all students have finished painting their pair of shoes, have students guess what artists students were inspired by.

Artist: Robert Bateman

Robert Bateman was born May 24, 1930 in North Toronto, Ontario. He is famous for drawing realistic wildlife. Examples of his work can be seen at www.McMichael.com

What you need:

- Wildlife photo (calendars are usually an excellent source)
- Colouring pencils
- Paper

What to do:

1. Show and discuss examples of Robert Bateman's art. What do students think of it?
2. Have students choose a wildlife photograph from which to draw a realistic rendering from.
3. Next, share with students tips on realistic drawing. They should start with a simple pencil sketch and then proceed to the add details.
4. Encourage students to take their time and think about shading, line and colours.
5. Once finished take time to share the realistic wildlife drawing within the class.