

## Art Resource Guide

### Books

#### **al.pha.bet.i.ca: An A-Z Creativity Guide for Collage and Book Artists by Lynne Perrella**

This is a great inspiration book. Teens can browse through the book and get idea for collage projects. The main focus of the art in this book is “altered books.” An altered book artist takes a book (old, new, recycled or multiple) and cuts, tears, glues, burns, folds, paints, adds to, collages, rebinds, gold-leafs, creates pop-ups, rubber-stamps, drills, bolts, and/or be-ribbons it. The artist may add pockets and niches to hold tags, rocks, ephemera, or other three-dimensional objects. Some change the shape of the book, or use multiple books in the creation of the finished piece of art. This is a great project for recycling your weeded, outdated, or damaged books.

Other resources you can use in developing an “altered books” program:

#### **Altered Books Program**

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/ttr/2009/manual/altered.html>

Detailed program plan (pictures included!) from the 2009 Texas Summer Reading Manual on creating altered books.

#### **Altered Books Blog**

<http://www.logolalia.com/alteredbooks/>

Examples of creating poetry from the pages of books by selecting certain words from the page to form a poem, and “obliterating” the rest.

#### **Altered Board Books**

<http://www.creativity-portal.com/howto/arts crafts/altered.books.html>

Features tutorials on creating altered books.

#### **Altered Books Gallery**

<http://karenswhimsy.com/altered-books/>

More inspiration.

#### **Art From Intuition: Overcoming Your Fears and Obstacles to Making Art by Dean Nimmer**

Contains more than 60 drawing and painting exercises. Pick and choose the ones you like best to create an art workshop program.

#### **The New Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain by Betty Edwards**

Over the last decade, Dr. Edwards has refined her material through teaching hundreds of workshops and seminars. The New Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain includes:

- \* the very latest developments in brain research;
- \* new material on using drawing techniques in the corporate world and in education;

- \* instruction on self-expression through drawing;
- \* an updated section on using color; and
- \* detailed information on using the five basic skills of drawing for problem solving.

**Discovering Great Artists: Hands-On Art for Children in the Styles of the Great Masters by Mary Ann Kohl and Kim Solga**

**Discovering Great American Artists: Hands-On Art Experiences in the Styles of Great American Masters by Mary Ann Kohl and Kim Solga**

You can use these two books to design art programs about different artists. You can do a one-shot program or a series. Mix egg paint like Giotto, practice pointillism like Seurat, or make constructionist sculptures like Charles Biederman. A few children's book illustrators are included that will make a wonderful extension to this program, including Dr. Seuss, Barbara Cooney, and Faith Ringgold.

**Learn to Draw Now! By Doug DuBosque**

This book covers the basic steps in drawing and shading needed to create three dimensional objects.

**Drawing for Older Children and Teens by Mona Brookes**

This instructional drawing book presents exercises to help teens teach themselves to draw.

**Making Comics by Scott McCloud**

This book about creating comics and graphic novels is told in graphic novel format. It will instruct and inspire future comic writers and artists.

**Manga Mania: How to Draw Japanese Comics by Christopher Hart**

Reading manga and drawing manga characters will be popular with many teens in your library. This book will help teach them manga techniques.

Also check out:

**Manga University**

<http://www.howtodrawmanga.com/>

Some of this site is fee based, but there are a lot of free tutorials, too. Don't miss their YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/mangauniversity>

**Manga Tutorials**

<http://www.mangatutorials.com/>

Tons of manga drawing instructions from basics to publishing ranging from articles, step-by-steps, references, and video tutorials – and we're constantly growing. Teens can also post to their forum to get tips from and network with other aspiring manga artists.

<http://www.drawingnow.com/how-to-draw-manga.html>

Instructions on how to draw popular anime and Manga characters, including InuYasha, Naruto, and Pokemon.

## **Online Resources**

### **Hot Chalk**

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/ArtK1.htm>

A good resource for inspiration and ideas for art activities for a group of teens.

### **High School Art Lessons at Incredible Art**

<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/high/highlessons.html>

Tons of ideas and lesson plans for teaching art lessons. Categorized by grade level, medium, subject, art period, and artist. See examples of the projects and even download Powerpoints for some lessons.

### **Marilyns**

<http://www.webexhibits.org/colorart/marilyns.html>

Online activity that allows you to change the colors in Andy Warhol's famous Marilyn Monroe Prints.

### **Odopod**

<http://sketch.odopod.com/>

Online sketch pad.