

Outdoor Drawing Experience with Lisa Davis

Through the Looking Circle



Objective: Make a round viewing frame. Then, using the frame outside lay it down on the ground outside and draw exactly what you see.

On the left is a student example that was paint-

You will need:

- drawing paper
- pencils
- scissors
- colored pencils or markers

Optional: action figures,

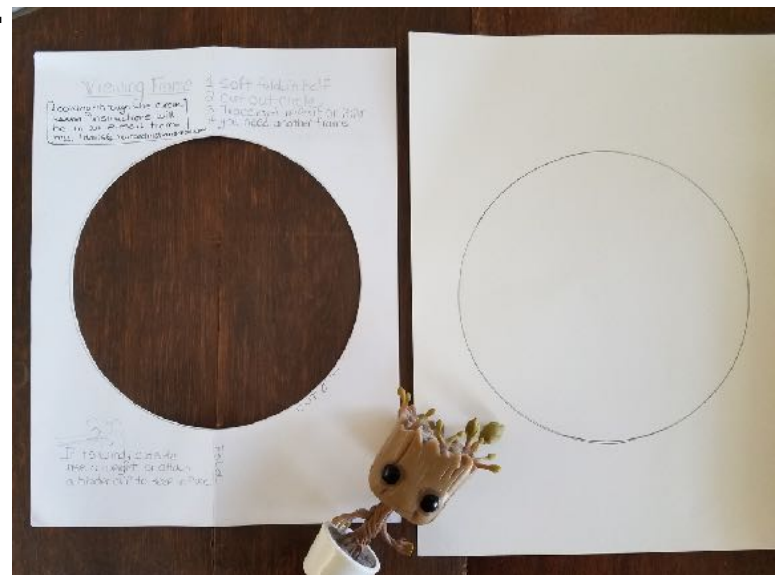
- Legos,
- Pop! Vinyl,
- Watercolor paper,
- watercolor paints

Directions for Younger students: Follow the directions as given. Main thing to tell them is to draw everything they see in their viewing circle frame let them pick a toy to place inside the frame too! Encourage any attempts at this lesson tell them they are just drawing what they see and to fill their circle on their drawing paper. They can use any medium to color their drawing with. It is helpful if they color in one direction :) It might be a good idea if you sit with them as they draw.

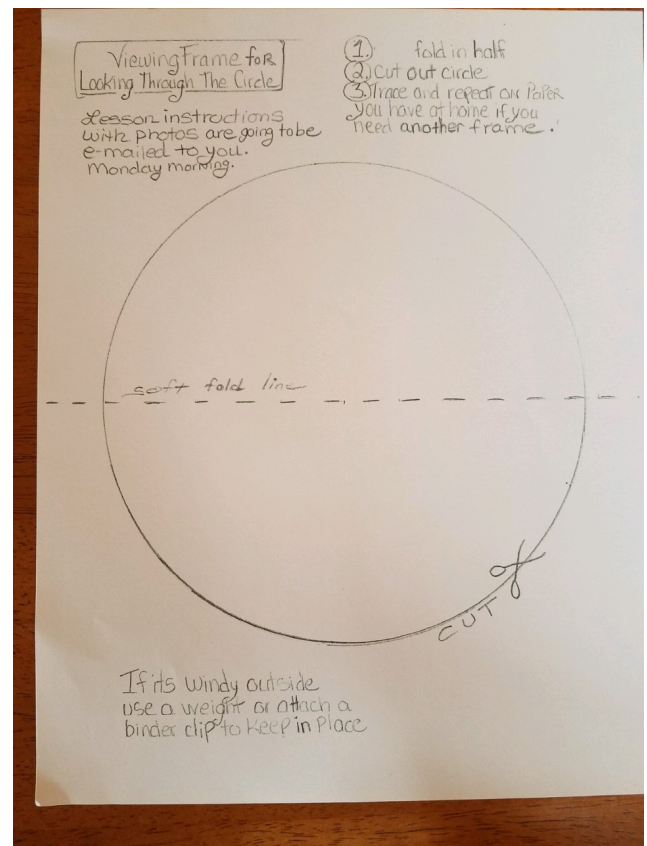
Directions:

Making the viewing frame:

1. Fold the worksheet in half and cut out the circle. If you are younger you can have an adult help you.

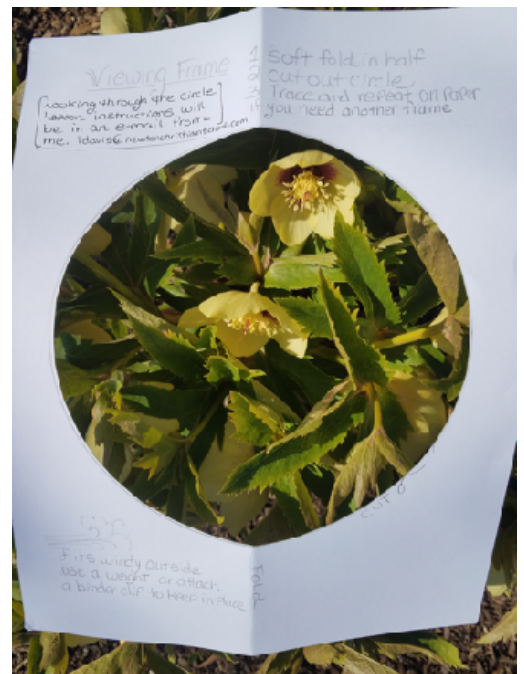


2. Trace this same circle in the middle of the drawing paper I gave you as shown above.



3. Now you have a looking window!

- Take this frame outside with your drawing paper taped or rubber banded to a flat surface, along with a pencil.
- Find an area where you can sit to observe growing things such as grass and weeds, close up.
- Lay it on top of the grass, over a plant in the grass, leaves on the ground, or over a flowerpot full of last year's growth.
- Study the different shapes of grass and leaves through your viewing frame and draw what you see.



If it is raining, cold, or really windy take a picture of your frame outside and then look off your photo while you draw inside.

4 Here is the fun part, you can go inside your house and bring out a small action figure, toy or something you built from Legos and place it in your viewing frame amongst the grass. Now sketch this newly added object.



5. Once everything is drawn you can now start to color it. Using what you have at home you can go over the lines with a darker color and then color in the rest of the picture using realistic colors

6 Here is my drawing from the frame you see below.
I used colored pencils- always starting with a lighter color, then a medium color and then a darker color blended over so the colors really pop and look realistic.
I had to turn the flowers upright for my drawing!



Here is my picture with Groot! Which was my choice of an add on to make it a bit more fun! I did not totally follow the directions about adding Groot (he is a paper cut out laid on top). I wanted my Helleborus drawing to be just flowers, but I wanted to show you my drawing with Groot because it was a lot of fun to choose an action figure and tuck him into the picture!

This would be a fun drawing activity to do as a family too; it might encourage a reluctant student if you were drawing with them.

My Dad would once in a while draw with me outside and I still hold those memories very dear and I kept the drawings too!



