

BETELHEM MAKONNEN & STEPHANIE CONCEPCION RAMIREZ

the meaning wavers



Finished Artwork Example

PORTRAIT TRANSFER

Duration: 30 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Wax paper
2. Plain construction paper
3. Poster paint
4. Paintbrushes
5. Crayons
6. Drop cloths or table cloths

INTRODUCTION:

1. Visit <https://womenandtheirwork.org/archive/exhibitions/makonnen-ramirez>, watch the artist video and look at the image gallery.
2. Discuss with students their impressions of the exhibition.
3. Review the "Terms to Know" and talk about migration and immigration.
4. Introduce students to the idea of a picture transfer and transfer art.
5. Discuss how transfer art was used in *the meaning wavers*.

ACTIVITY:

1. Tear out a piece of wax paper about the same size of a piece of construction paper. Grab a piece or two of construction paper.
2. Choose your medium [paint or crayon] and choose the colors you would like to use.
3. Paint or draw directly onto your piece of wax paper, using as much detail and as many colors as possible. If using crayon, press down hard to make dark, thick lines.
4. Carefully lift and place wax paper color-side-down onto a piece of construction paper, using it as a stamp to transfer the image onto the construction paper.
5. If using crayon, rub image with a coin to transfer from wax paper to construction paper. Some colors will transfer better than others.



Step by Step Example

6. Lift the wax paper off of the construction paper and compare the print with the original image you painted or drew. Note how the details become blurred and the picture changes after it is transferred onto a new paper.
7. You can repeat the process with the same transfer image by pressing your wax paper onto the same or a new piece of construction paper. Note how the transfer image changes (i.e. fades) the more times it is used.



CONCLUSION:

1. Think about your family and share a story or memory.
2. Talk about the students' finished transfer art projects and how they think it relates to the artwork of *the meaning wavers*.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. Encourage students to paint portraits of themselves or their family to connect with the meaning wavers.
2. Transfers can be painted over and reused again.

OTHER RESOURCES:

Example from:

craftprojectideas.com

For more Educational Resources:

<https://womenandtheirwork.org/education-resources>

