

Symmetrical Stained Glass

I found this idea on a great blog full of good and adaptable art projects for kids:

<http://www.artprojectsforkids.org/>

I think these look more like stained glass windows than jewels. My students and I looked at stained glass windows by Frank Lloyd Wright before starting this project. We also just used crayons but anything would work well.

Symmetrical Jewels

This project offers students a chance to practice drawing and coloring in a symmetrical fashion.

1. With a standard sheet of drawing paper, ask the students to draw a frame in pencil around the box, about 1/2" in from the edge. Next they should make a dot in the center of all four sides. They are to connect all four lines, which should make a pretty balanced diamond. Lastly, they need to connect the top and bottom dots, and the left and right (this makes a horizontal and vertical split to the image). 2. Now they are to use only straight lines to divide the right and left side into smaller sections. Remind them that the lines on the left and the right are to mirror each other. Whatever they draw on one side should be drawn symmetrically on the other right afterwards. Young students should only be asked to make the left symmetrical with the right side. Older students could be challenged to make the top and bottom symmetrical as well. 3. Once the pencil lines are complete, give the students a thick black marker to trace all of them. 4. Oil pastels in limited colors are distributed. I gave my students about 5 pastels so that colors would need to be repeated.

