



Dia de los Muertos

SHORT FUN PROJECT FOCUSING ON LINE, SHAPE AND PATTERN

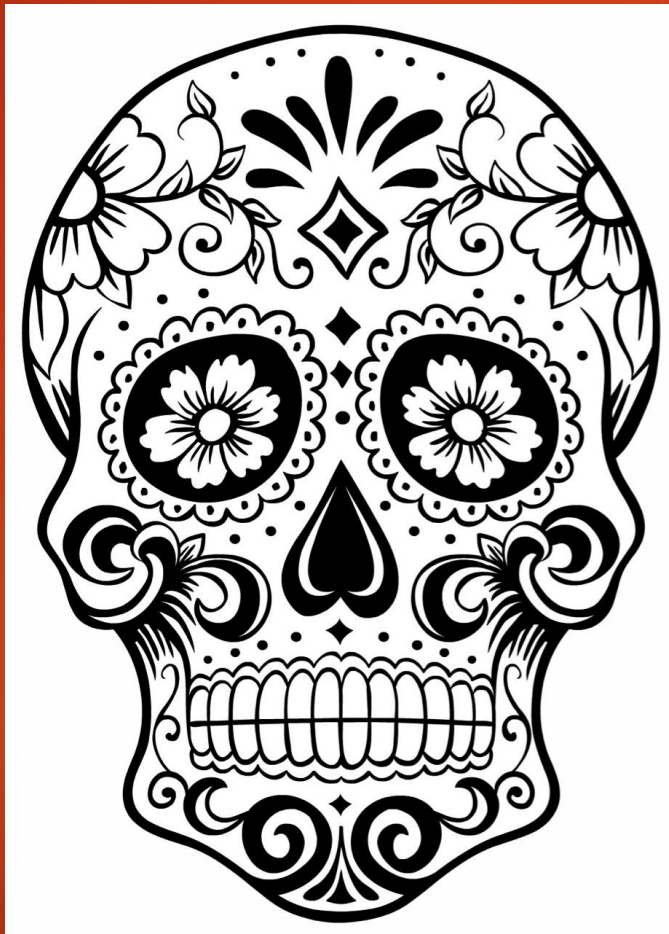
What is Day of the Dead?

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CafzUJPOkEg>
- ▶ Assimilation of traditional (pre-colonization) remembrance/celebration deceased loved ones with Christian (post-colonization) honoring of saints
- ▶ November 1st (All Saints Day of the Catholic calendar)
- ▶ Symbolic imagery used often: marigolds/flowers, skulls/skeletons, bright, happy colors, food/feast
- ▶ Typical traditional items: sugar skulls, paper flowers, paper cut outs, processions/parades (usually of the Virgin Mary through town), candle/lantern lit meals/food offerings often at gravesites of ancestors

Before mass Commercialization



Since popularized



What will you do?

- ▶ Sugar Skull Stone- form clay into ½” thick shape of skull. Design and incise lines into clay. After firing and priming with white, fill incised lines with glow-in-the-dark paint.
- ▶ Dancing sketelon resist – drawing a dancing skeleton using gesture and contour – then reduce to basic shapes. Fill each shape with a transition of two colors (crayon) 100% saturation. Apply black resist over top. Scracth linear sugar skull inspired lines & patterns through black to reveal bright colors. Mount on clean paper and creat “glow” effect with pastel.
- ▶ Sugar Skull cut out; Layering white, black and 4 colors, create skull then carve through layers of paper to reveal color underneath in designs inspired by sugar skulls.

How to get started?

- ▶ Dedicate a Sketch book page (or 2) to solving this artistic problem
- ▶ Research: “homemade scratch art paper” AND “carved line designs in clay” AND “reverse applique process”/“layered paper cut outs”
- ▶ Record WHAT each is and HOW you would do it in simple steps in your sketch book
- ▶ Find images of: skull (front and profile), sugar skull design, dancing skeleton
- ▶ Make a sketch of sugar skull design OR dancing skeleton based on your research.

