

Lesson #2 with Lynn Whipple

Brain Surprises: Shape-Making



Hello Hello Dear Sparkers!!!!

YaY!! I am so happy we are sparking together!

My name is Lynn Whipple and welcome to Lesson Two of "2015: Year of the Spark!"

I am so thrilled with all the amazing creativity that is being shared. Thank you for allowing Carla and I to share in your artful lives.

SO, let's get started!!

TODAYS VIDEO.....

We have three parts for YOU!

PART 1

JOURNAL PATTERNS

A quick hello and a few words about easing into our creative practice.

A fun and colorful warm up exercise in pattern making that you can add to your sketchbook. Supplies include your favorite markers and watercolors or any media that appeals to YOU! I love Tombow Markers, a water brush and a basic set of watercolors.



PART 2

SHAPE-MAKING EXERCISE

A Design and Shape-Making Challenge!



Supplies needed:

- Construction Paper - 10 or so pieces, various colors
- 3 "hero" images of person that you can cut out
- Scissors
- 3 Mats or make 3 mat window by cutting paper into two "L" shapes (8x10 or 9x12)
- phone or camera to take photos of your favorite combinations (optional)

We will be choosing 8 different basic shapes, such as:

Tall triangles (hats)
Ovals
Skirts
Circles and half circles
Squares
Arches
Ears
Rectangles

Please cut a variety, 5-10 of each shape, out of colored paper

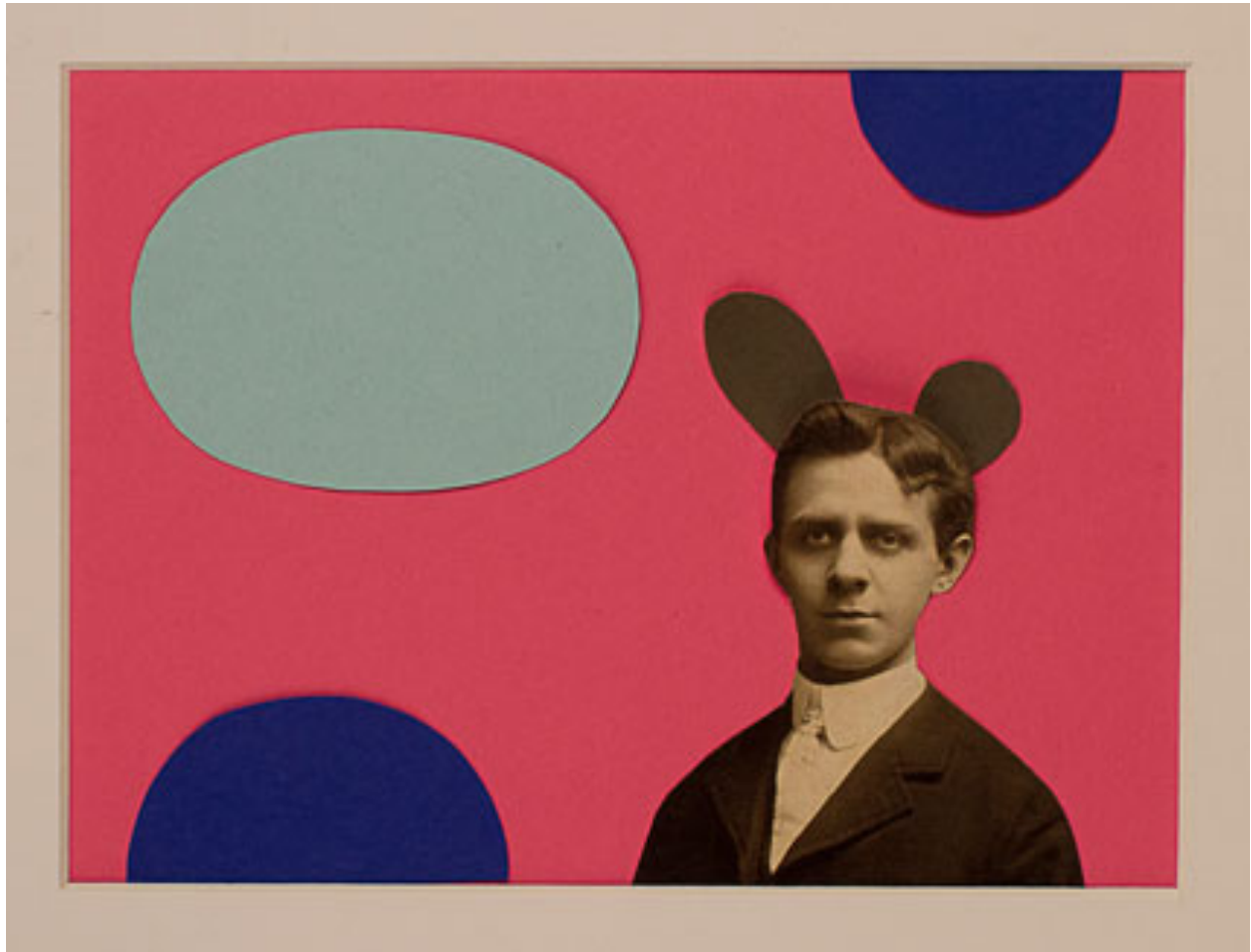
Cut out 3 images of people that you can use as your Hero in your compositions.

Use a mat or create a mat window by cutting two L shapes. The size I used was 9x12. You can choose any size that works for you.



Start by choosing and cutting out your Hero images. Next, take about 10 minutes to cut out a variety of shapes. This is a fun way to create shapes just with your scissors. HEck, you might have good time simply arranging your cut outs!

When you think about it, picture making is basically an interesting arrangement of shapes!!! When you put something down, now all the other things in your picture are effected. This is a great way to think about negative and positive shapes in a composition.



Isn't it amazing how the balance of your picture can change by moving one of your shapes just a fraction of an inch? The idea here is to freely create lots of different combinations and designs. Allow your natural design instincts to have fun arranging and re-arranging your compositions.

Play around for 15 minutes or so, **MAKE YOURSELF LAUGH** and take a few photos of your favorite designs and feel free to share!



PART 3

MAIN LESSON

Brain Surprise and Shape-Making

LEts make CaRds!!



Supplies:

Scissors
Glue Stick
Various markers, pencils,
Construction Paper
Found papers
Found images
Color copies of your sketchbook pages
stuff!



Our initial goal here is have a nice pile of pieces and parts and begin to play!

Start cutting up and combining things in a way that makes you laugh. Next, begin to arrange things with design and composition in mind. You could start with a flower shape or altering a photo or enhancing one of your one-liners. I think it would be great if you came up with 3-5 designs that would make a good greeting card! The words: simple, fun and thoughtful come to mind.

You could use the idea of a Thank you card, or a Valentines card, or just a sweet I LOVE YOU card. Enjoy working with design and the extra playfulness of of creating something with a friend, family member or loved one in mind!

On the following pages are some designs I worked on in the video:

my happy Valentine



XOXO
Lennie



Congrats

on
Your
BABY
girl

xo Liane

Sweet Boy









Have fun and enjoy the process!! I say BraVO to you all for moving your hands!! with lots of love!

xoxo
Lynn