

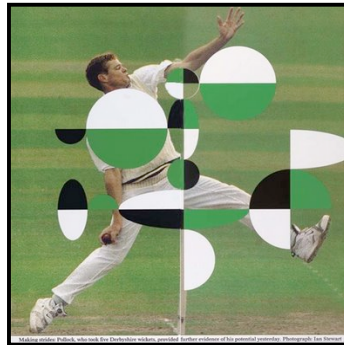
to go! Gabriel Orozco

Gabriel Orozco was born in Jalapa, Veracruz, Mexico in 1962. He studied at the Escuela Nacional de Artes Plásticas in Mexico and the Circulo de Bellas Artes in Madrid, Spain. In 1998, he was called “one of the most influential artists of this decade.” Gabriel Orozco is known for transforming everyday situations and objects by using geometric shapes and patterns to change their meaning.

Gabriel Orozco uses Geometric Abstraction in a lot of his work. This means that he uses circles, squares and grids to create pictures that explore and change ordinary images and materials. Gabriel Orozco uses this method in his art to alter our sense of time and reality. Let’s use geometric abstraction to mix-up images that we see everyday!

Materials:

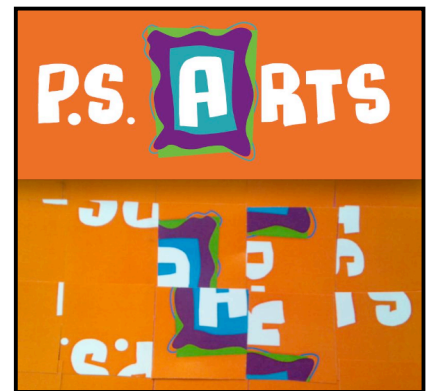
- 4X6 photograph or picture from a magazine that you can cut-up, Paper, Ruler, Scissors, Glue and a Pencil



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Directions:

- First, find a picture to geometrically abstract. Ask for permission before cutting any photos. Look for a picture that has people and bright, solid colors in it. Maybe an old family photo or even a postcard!
- On the back of your picture, draw a grid using the ruler. Draw vertical lines 2-inches apart and horizontal lines 2-inches apart – this should make 6 2”x2” squares on a 4”x6” photograph.
- Now, use the scissors to cut out each square. Once they are all cut out, flip them over so that you see the original picture. If any of the squares get mixed up when you turn them over, just put them back in the right order like you would with a puzzle.
- Look at your picture and decide how you want to change it with Geometric Abstraction. Pick certain squares to turn in different directions. Rotate clockwise or counter-clockwise - a quarter-turn or a half-turn. Think about the parts that you want to stay recognizable such as the people and the parts that can be more abstract such as the shapes and colors.
- When you are ready, glue each piece of the abstracted image onto a piece of paper and you’re finished! How is the finished picture different from what you started with? Talk about it with your friends and family!
- Challenge yourself! Make another geometric abstraction with 1”x1” squares!



Student Example