

Year 7 Art Curriculum plan

Term	Formal Element	Key Artist	Weekly In class Focus	Weekly 30 min Homework Task
Autumn	Line, Shade & Tone	Pablo Picasso Bridgette Riley	Study Picasso's continuous line drawings and tone work (e.g., Animal series) Week 1–2: Blind/continuous line sketches Week 3–4: Add tonal shading with hatching and crosshatching Week 5–6: Observational tone studies (3D forms) Week 7–8: Final self-portrait in continuous line with tone, plus peer critique	Week 1: Watch a short video on Picasso's line drawings and respond in sketchbook. Week 2: Replicate a simple Picasso-style continuous line animal at Week 3: Draw tonal scale and write one sentence describing light/shadow. Week 4: Shade a basic object showing light source. Week 5: Sketch a sphere or cube with shading. Week 6: Shade a household item from observation. Week 7: Create outline self-portrait with continuous line. Week 8: Add tone to your line portrait; annotate shading choices.
Spring	Shape & Texture	Henri Matisse Kara Walker	Weeks 1–2: Explore organic vs geometric shapes Weeks 3–4: Collage & rubbings texture studies Weeks 5–6: Matisse-style cut-paper collage Weeks 7–8: Observational texture studies Weeks 9–10: Final collage project	Week 1: Collect and sketch four organic shapes from nature. Week 2: Sketch three geometric shapes and label them. Week 3: Do a texture rubbing (leaf/fabric, etc.). Week 4: Collect paper scraps or magazine shapes for collage. Week 5: Plan your Matisse-style collage on paper.



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				Week 6: Create a small paper cut-out collage at home. Week 7: Sketch a texture study of bark/fabric. Week 8: Annotate observational texture sketch—what did you notice? Week 9: Compositional thumbnail sketches for final collage. Week 10: Reflect: write one paragraph on your final collage outcome.
Summer	Colour and pattern	Mondrian, Delaunay Esther Malanghu	Weeks 1–2: Colour wheel & mixing tints/shades Weeks 3–4: Complementary/analogous experiments- Weeks 5–6: Mood painting w/ colour palette- Weeks 7–8: Layering colour with pattern/texture Weeks 9–10: Final colour artwork + reflection	Week 1: Draw and label a colour wheel with primary/secondary colours. Week 2: Mix a tint and shade of one primary colour and reflect. Week 3: Paint a small complementary colour study. Week 4: Experiment with analogous colour swatches. Week 5: Choose a mood (e.g., calm/energetic) and paint a small mood piece. Week 6: Annotate how colour reflects chosen mood. Week 7: Create a pattern using two colours. Week 8: Experiment with layering paint for texture.



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				Week 9: Thumbnail sketches of final colour piece concept. Week 10: Write a short reflection: "What I learned about colour."