

HIRSHHORN KIDS AT HOME

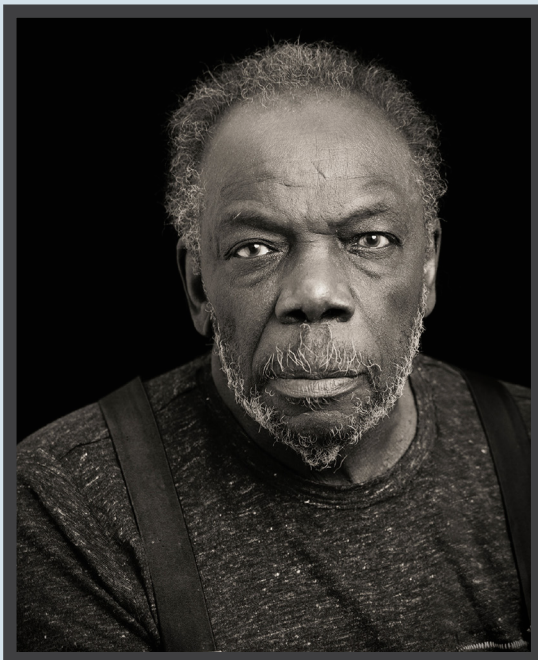
Time: 30-40 minutes

Skill Level: Medium

Topic: 2D to 3D transformation

A Colorful Transformation

Transform a flat coffee filter into a sculptural work of art inspired by artist Sam Gilliam. Gather a coffee filter, some markers, and a spray bottle or cup of water.



Portrait of Sam Gilliam

One of the things that inspired Sam Gilliam was laundry hanging from clotheslines. He liked the way it looked and began to drape the canvas of his paintings. With your child, look up images of city clotheslines or hang something from a clothesline inside your own home. How does it look?

Artist **Sam Gilliam** (b. 1933) is a painter and member of the Washington Color School. During the 1960s and 70s many people thought African Americans should make art about civil rights. He defied this by making colorful experimental artworks inspired by the world around him.



Ruby Light by Sam Gilliam, 1972

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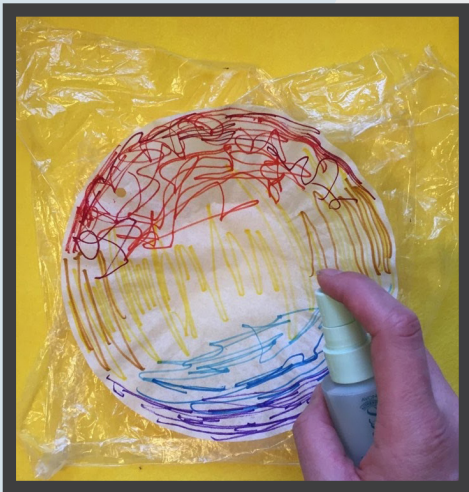
MAKE IT!

Sam Gilliam used unstretched canvas to create his draped paintings. For this project, you will use a coffee filter as your canvas.

1. Gather materials. You'll need a coffee filter (paper towels and paper napkins are a good substitute), markers, spritz bottle, tape and a piece of paper.



2. Color the coffee filter.



3. Add water. Place the colored coffee filter on a protected surface, and then spritz it lightly with water. What happens?

4. Create your sculpture. Use tape or glue to attach the dry coffee filter to paper (or any other surface). Explore draping the filter in different ways to transform it into your very own sculptural artwork.

