Elements: Shape & Color
Principles: Movement
Materials:

☐ 12” x 18” colored construction paper
☐ 9” x 12” colored construction paper
☐ Newsprint
☐ Tempera paint OR crayons
☐ Paper plate & brushes (if using paint)
☐ Glue stick
☐ Scissors
Instructions:

1. Show the art **sample** and the work of **Eric Carle** (see below). Explain that the kids will be cutting out circles and painting or coloring them to create a caterpillar collage.

2. Use the colored paper to have students **cut out multiple circles** (at least 7 or 8) **about the size of their palms**.

3. Have them **paint or color designs onto the circles**. Emphasize that they don’t need to cover the entire circle with color, just aim for about half coverage, so the base color shows through. Remind the students that to create **contrast** they can select colors that are opposite one another on the **color wheel** (see below).

4. Have them **cut a large newsprint leaf** and tear a few holes in it, like the caterpillar ate some of it.

5. Students can then **glue** down their leaf and caterpillar circles, taking care to make their caterpillar look as if it is climbing on the leaf to create the sense of **movement**.

6. Once all the pieces are glued down, **have students use scraps to make antennae, eyes, and feet, and glue** those down as well. If running short on time these can also be painted or colored on.

7. Have students put their names on the art and help clean up.
Grade: First
Lesson: “Caterpillar Collage”