Grade: First
Lesson: “Spring Bouquet”

Elements: Space
Principles: Unity
Materials:

☐ 9” x 12” colored construction paper
☐ Scratch paper
☐ Tempera paint
☐ Foam brushes or wide paintbrushes
☐ Crayons (or paint)
☐ Paper plates & brushes (if painting)
☐ Wet wipes
Instructions:

1. Show the art sample art and explain that the kids will be making a handprint that holds a spring bouquet of stylized (not realistic) flowers. View flowers by artist Alex Katz (see below) for a sample of stylized flowers.

2. With the help of an extra parent, when possible, use a foam brush or paintbrush to quickly coat the student’s hand and press it onto paper to make a print.

3. While handprint is drying have students clean their hands (using wipes or sink-good to use both so the sink doesn’t get overly crowded) and then practice coloring/painting stylized flowers on their scratch paper.

4. After handprint is dry have students color green stems for flowers, like the hand is holding them.

5. Have students use crayons or paint to make the tops of their flowers. They can overlap flowers to give the illusion of depth to emphasize space, or space their flowers apart.

6. Have students put their names on the art and help clean up.
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Alex Kantz – Red Rose with Blue – 2001