

SERENA BOCCHINO INSPIRED SILK SCARFS

OBJECTIVE: Students will be able to:

- observe and discuss the art of Serena Bocchino
- create a silk scarf using sharpie and alcohol to create a tie dye look
- utilize elements of art including line, color, and shape
- experience tactile and sensory stimulation
- socialize and communicate with other members of the group
- practice fine motor skills & creative expression
- use different media and materials to create a functional accessory or art piece (silk scarf)

CLASSROOM/PREP:

- Prefill bowls with 2 parts water, one part vinegar, one per person
- Cover tables in paper
- Tape scarves to table using painter's tape/masking tape, one per person
- Set out sharpies, several colors per table
- Fill small cups with isopropyl alcohol if using droppers
- Fill small spray bottles with alcohol if needed

Note: the metallic markers (and black) don't work well with alcohol.

MATERIALS:

- Silk scarves, 54"x8" or similar size
- Sharpies in multiple colors/sizes (chunky and regular)
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Spray bottles/droppers
- White vinegar
- Iron
- Measuring cup
- Large bowls (1 per person)
- Painter's tape/masking tape
- small cups for holding alcohol

MOTIVATION: (10 min):

1. Welcome participants. Take them to the gallery and view Serena Bocchino's hanging scarves. If unavailable, print out pictures and pass them out to each individual.

What do you see? How would you describe the colors? (bold, pastel, light, dark?) How do you think the artist made this?

Serena is an artist that likes to think about color, shape, and texture rather than making realistic-looking pictures. Most of her work is very abstract. She likes to throw or drip paint onto canvas or panels as you see here.

Is this something you would like to hang in your house? If it was a smaller panel would you wear it as a scarf maybe?

Tell participants that today they will get to make their own silk scarves to wear or hang.



PROCEDURES:

Today we will create a scarf inspired by Serena's exhibition. Scarves can be worn as an accessory or hung as art like Serena's.

1. Create a sharpie design on a silk scarf.

DEMO and **do step by step** with the participants:

- a) Demo how to draw on scarves with sharpies. Scarves should be pre-taped to the paper to prevent movement. Remind participants that they should think about creating patterns using line, color, and shape. Their final design will look much different than anything they draw.

NOTE: The color Black is very permanent and may not perform well for this technique. If this is your first scarf, I recommend you don't use it.

- b) Help participants remove the tape from their scarves and lay them flat on the table. Optional: use mats or trays to prevent alcohol from going everywhere

2. Add alcohol on top of the sharpie: DEMONSTRATE how to use spray bottles/droppers to add isopropyl alcohol to the scarves. Watch the colors run! Walk around and assist participants.

- LET DRY COMPLETELY! It doesn't take long.....5-10 minutes
- Place finished scarves in vinegar/water bath to set. Place participants' names near each bowl, scarf.
- Clean up.
- Social hour: ask participants to share about their scarves: color choices, if they will wear it or hang it, etc.
- After scarves are dry- iron on silk setting to further set and write initials with permanent markers on each scarf.

Appendix 1:
Project steps/examples:



Appendix 2: Serena Bocchino





