

KIDS @ CAM – At Home Family Projects

Spotlight on CAM's Collection

WAYNE THIEBAUD

About the Artist:

“Commonplace objects are constantly changing... The pies, for example, we now see, are not going to be around forever. We are merely used to the idea that things do not change.” Wayne Thiebaud

Wayne Thiebaud is an American painter and printmaker best known for his still lifes of edible treats and everyday objects like pies, lipsticks, paint cans, ice cream cones, pastries, and hot dogs—as well as for his landscapes and figure paintings. He is associated with the pop art movement because of his interest in objects of mass culture, although his early works, executed during the fifties and sixties, slightly predate the works of the classic pop artists. Thiebaud uses exaggerated colors and well-defined shadows to depict his subjects.



ART AT HOME – COLORFUL CHALK DESSERTS

What You'll Need:

- White Construction Paper
- Larger Colored Construction Paper/Poster Board for Background
- Black Sharpie
- Colored Chalk
- Scissors
- Glue
- Table Cover

This project can get a bit messy because of the chalk and blending the chalk with our fingers. Work outside if possible and have hand wipes or a wet cloth/rag nearby for quick clean ups.

- Step 1 - Choose three desserts you'd like to draw (ice cream cone, cupcakes, pie slice, cookies, etc.) or draw the same subject three times. Feel free to look at images of desserts to draw from. Keep your images simple so you can color them in easily.
- Step 2 - Draw your three dessert images on white construction paper (if your background paper is large enough you can use one sheet for each dessert or draw them all on one).
- Step 3 - Outline your desserts with sharpie.
- Step 4 - Color in your desserts with colored chalk, using different colors in each area. Have fun using interesting color combinations! Blend the chalk in with your fingers.
- Step 5 - Cut out your three desserts.
- Step 6 - On your background piece of paper, draw a line to indicate a table.
- Step 7 - Since Thiebaud was known for his use of dark shadows, draw three shadow areas (any color you want!) that your desserts will be placed onto. They can be simple ovals.
- Step 8 - Glue your desserts onto the background paper, slightly on top of their shadows.
- Step 9 - Help clean up your supplies and workspace.

Questions to ask one another:

- Dessert and food were some of Thiebaud's favorite subjects – what are your favorite subjects to paint or draw?
- How do your color choices affect the mood of your picture?
- What is the title of your artwork?

Tips:

- Use complementary colors side by side in the artwork to make your image pop! (these colors are opposite each other on the color wheel).

Follow Up Project Idea:

- Choose one large dessert image to create but this time use paint instead of chalk.