

# ARTS FOR ALL

Virtual Y Arts: Visual Art  
YMCA OF PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES



## Pointillism

**Age Group:** 3-7 years

**Time:** 20 minutes

### Supplies/ Materials:

- Q-tips
- Cardstock or white paper
- Pencil
- Black marker or crayon
- Acrylic/tempera paint | white, green, red, pink

### Overview:

Create a piece or slice of watermelon using the pointillism technique with household items.

Pointillism – the technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of color are applied in patterns to form an image.

Famous Pointillism artists – Vincent Van Gogh, Albert Dubois-Pillet, Georges Seurat, and Paul Signac. Google the artists for inspiration!

### Instructions:

1. On plain paper use a pencil to draw the melon slice. Optional: younger children can use a small plate to create the semi-circle and a ruler for the straight line.
2. Older siblings or adults can help pour a small amount of each paint color on a plate or paint pallet.
3. Using a Q-tip dip the cotton end of one side into the first color, dot your paint onto the part of the melon that you are filling in- continue until your melon is painted to your liking. If you want to speed of your drying time, trying using a hair dryer. Remember to keep the dryer away from the paper and to continue to move it around.
4. Once your painting is dry, add the seeds using a black marker, crayon, or pencil.

### Reflection:

- What other kinds of fruit can you make with the Pointillism technique?



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