ART ATTACK: THE COLOR CHALLENGE

Creative Arts Wednesday • November 11, 2026 • 12:00–1:00 PM

Objective: Teams create collaborative themed artwork while adapting to randomly drawn challenges, time limits, and art tools. Every participant gets a turn.

Materials checklist

• One large canvas, poster board, or sturdy flattened cardboard panel per team (at least 18 × 24 inches; larger for teams of 5+)

• Protected workspaces, table covers or newspaper, tape to secure boards

• Washable paints, paintbrushes, palettes/cups, water

• Optional disposable gloves for finger painting; hand wipes, paper towels, smocks

• Colored pencils, crayons, and washable markers — enough for teams to share

• Printed and cut Theme Cards, Challenge Cards, Time Cards, and NEW Tool Cards (four separate decks)

• Phone or visible timer; drying area for finished artwork

Preparation (before noon)

• Protect tables and set out one large board per team. Organize supplies by tool type.

• Print, cut, and shuffle all FOUR decks separately. Keep the tool supplies ready for quick swaps.

• Set up a visible timer and plan accessibility supports for anyone who needs help drawing or painting.

Game rules

1. Divide participants into small, balanced teams. Each team randomly draws ONE Theme Card; that theme guides its artwork throughout the activity.

2. For each round, staff draws ONE Challenge Card, ONE Time Card (never more than 5 minutes), and ONE Tool Card. All teams use the same challenge, time, and tool that round.

3. Each team rotates to its next artist. Only that artist works on the team board during the round; staff may assist as needed. No artist repeats until everyone on the team has had an opportunity.

4. Start the timer. Artists follow their team theme, the drawn challenge, and the required art tool. When time ends, put tools down.

5. Draw new cards and rotate artists for the next round. Reshuffle decks as needed; repeated tool types are intentional.

6. Finish with group final touches, team presentations, and a gallery walk. Praise creativity and teamwork rather than artistic skill.

Suggested 60-minute schedule

• 12:00–12:10 — Welcome, form teams, explain rules, and draw theme cards

• 12:10–12:15 — Teams plan designs and prepare workspaces

• 12:15–12:45 — Random challenge + time + tool rounds; rotate artists each round

• 12:45–12:53 — Final details and team presentations

• 12:53–1:00 — Gallery viewing and cleanup

Facilitator reminders

- Draw a fresh time card each round; time applies to the entire round, not separately to each team member.
- Use gloves for finger painting if preferred; wash or wipe hands between media and avoid cross-contaminating supplies.
- Offer adapted grips, verbal choices, or staff-assisted marks so everyone can participate.
- Allow painted artwork to dry before moving.