

13 SPOOKY TALES

ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

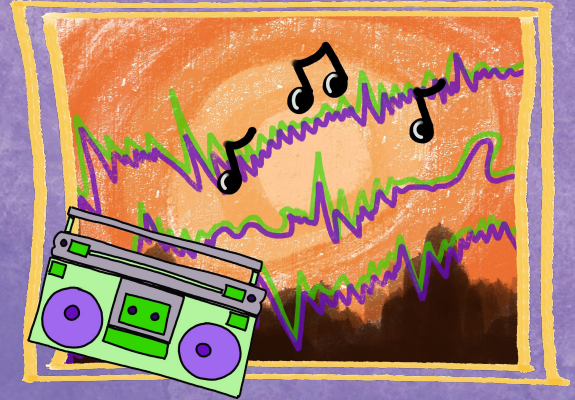
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Instructional Resource

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13 Spooky Tales: A Book of Children's Poems may be geared for younger readers, but it can inspire creativity among all ages. Use these activities to steer playful, whimsical, and creative experiences for the artists in your life. Stay spooky!



Two Little Witches Boombox Activity

Materials:

- Boombox shape card - One for each artist
- Abstract art card - One for each artist
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- An assortment of crayons, markers, or colored pencils

Step One: Read the poem, *Two Little Witches*, from 13 Spooky Tales with your artists.

Step Two: Ask your artists the following discussion questions:

- What are the little witches doing in the pictures?
- Do you like to sing and dance?
- What sort of music do you think these two little witches are singing and dancing to?

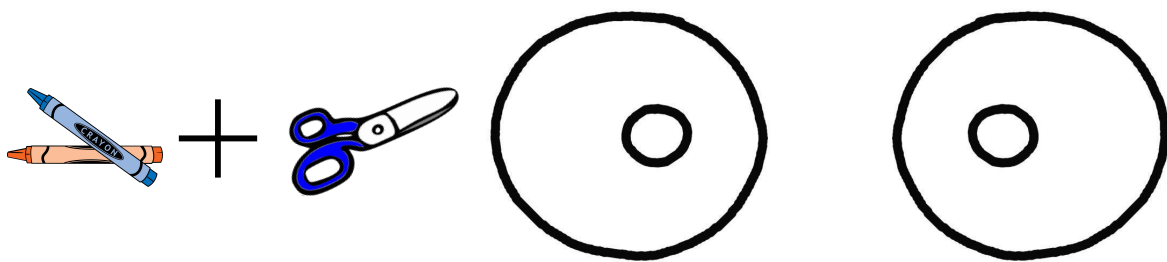
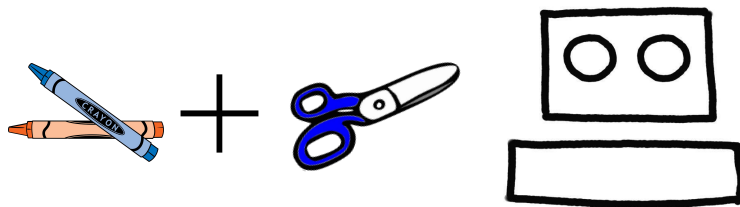
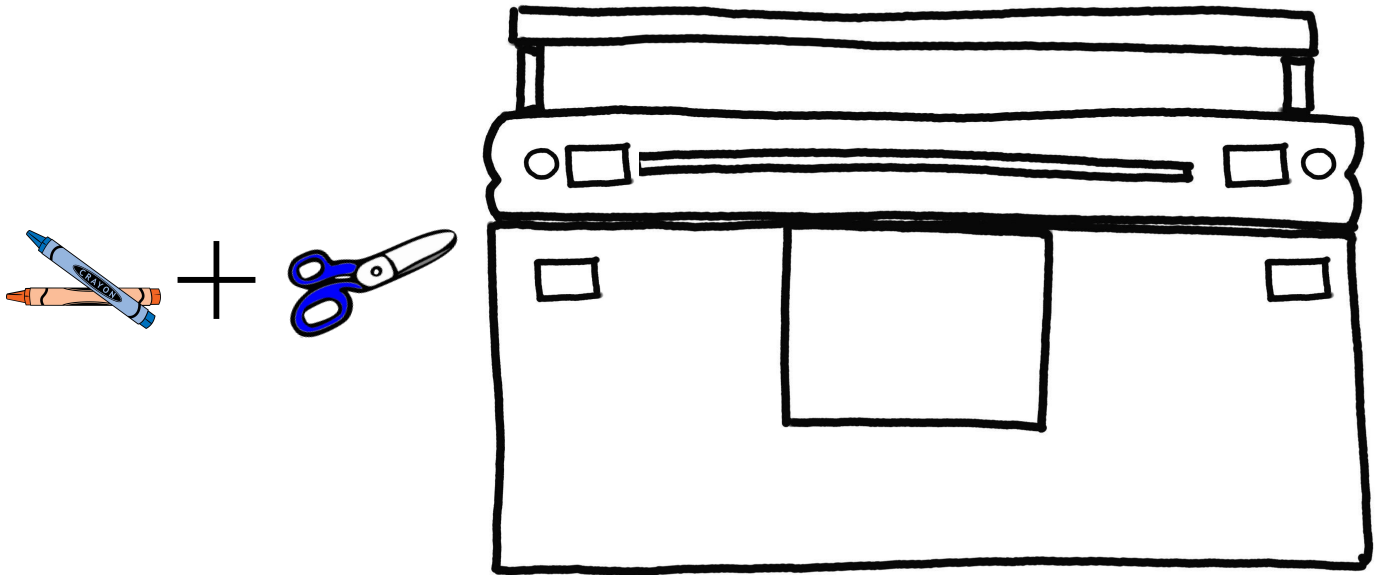
Step Three: Pull up a spooky halloween song mix on your smart device. Invite your artists to join you in a spooky dance party.

Step Four: Ask your artists to color the shapes on the boombox shape card in a spooky way. Cut the shapes out with scissors and then assemble the boombox with a little bit of glue and set aside.

Step Five: Next, artists will create an abstract work of art inspired by music. Pull up the same Halloween song mix you danced to earlier. Before hitting play again, prompt your artists to close their eyes. As they listen to the music, ask them to think about the colors, lines, and shapes that would match the spooky tune. After one or two songs, ask them to open their eyes and draw what was in their minds as they listened to the music on the abstract art card. They can use any assortment of crayons, markers, or colored pencils to create. Keep the music playing if you like!

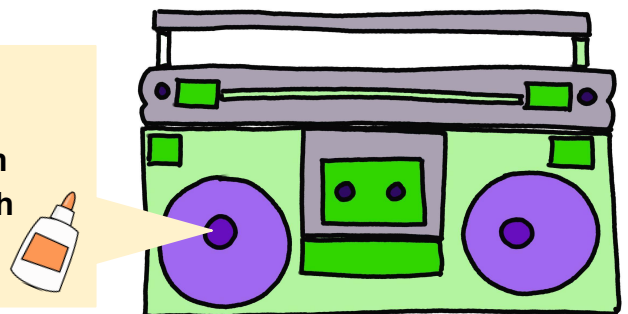
Step Six: Once your artists have their abstract art complete, guide them in gluing their boombox on top of the abstract art. Bonus idea - draw a few musical notes coming out from the boombox with a black crayon or marker.

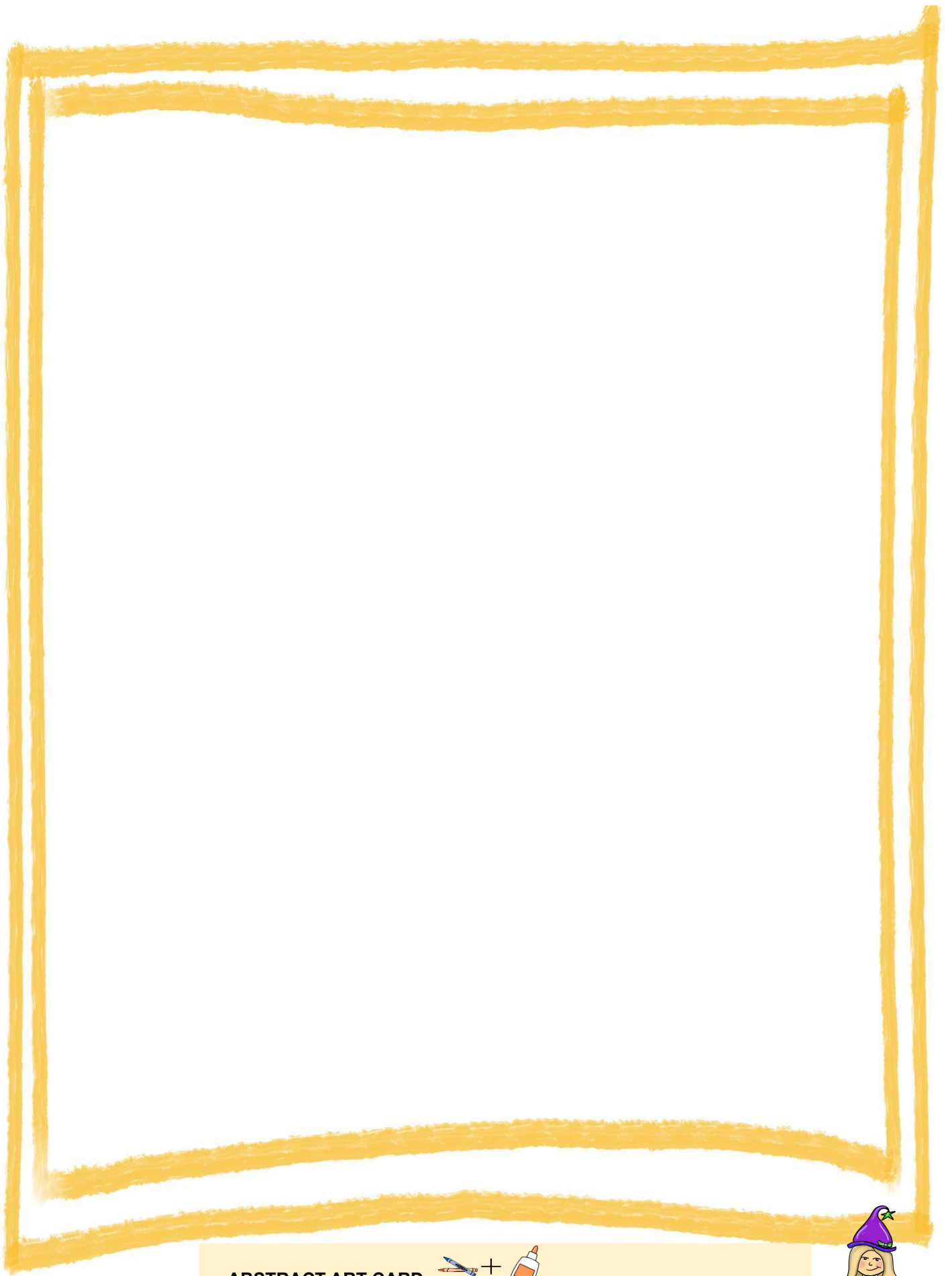
Step Seven: Hang the artwork somewhere for the whole family to enjoy!



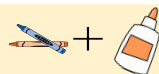
BOOMBOX SHAPE CARD

Color and cut out the pieces above. Assemble them into a boombox shape and piece them together with glue. Set your boombox aside to dry.



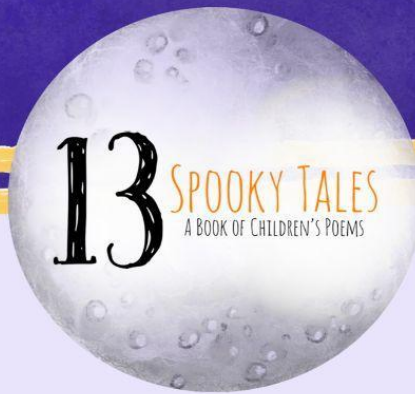


ABSTRACT ART CARD



Draw your abstract art here and then glue your boombox somewhere along the yellow frame.

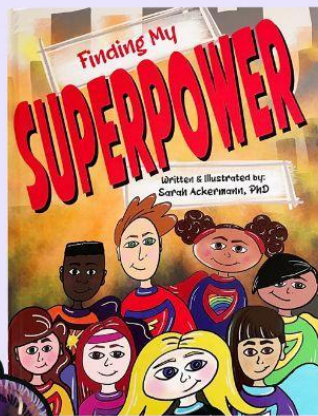




About the Illustrator



Dr. Sarah Ackermann is an artist and educator. She has taught art at all levels, from pre-kindergarten to adult, and now leads university faculty members in best practices in teaching and learning. Sarah has always drawn as a means of relaxation and personal fulfillment, so when her sister, Angela Tiedemann, asked her to illustrate a book of spooky poems, she gladly agreed. The images in this book were created on an Apple iPad with a little bit of a technical magic and a whole lot of imagination. Sarah hopes that this book inspires young artists to illustrate the things in life that spark curiosity and ignite their inner passion.



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