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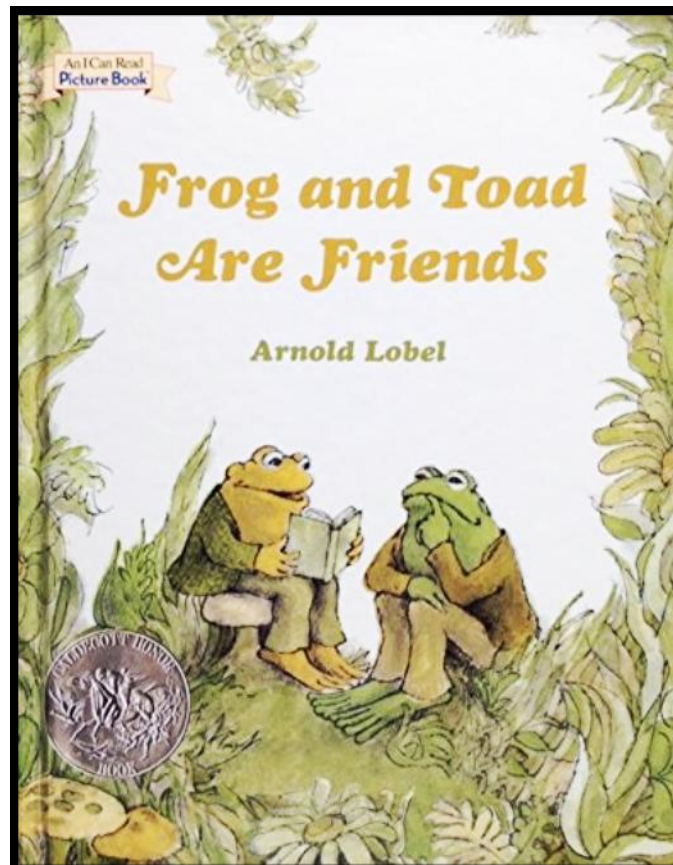
To You, From Me

Featured Story:

Arnold Lobel's

Frog and Toad are Friends: The Letter

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Inspiration from WAM's Collection



Courtesan Reading a Love Letter

about 1744,
Okumura Masanobu,
woodblock print (beni-e); ink on paper with hand applied color, 1901.70
(<https://bit.ly/WAMReading>)

Before texts, emails, telephones, or telegraphs, there were letters! Writing was one of the only ways to get a message from one person to another in 1744, when this artwork was made. In this print, the seated woman is reading a love letter sent to her.

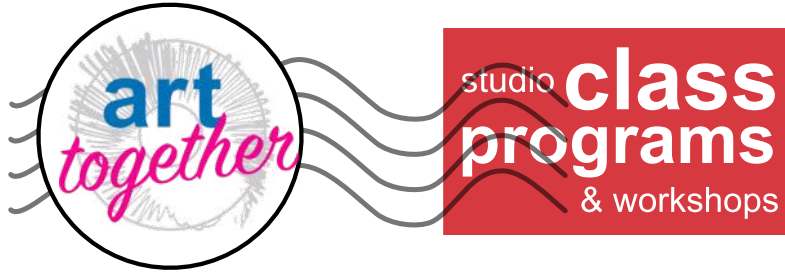


The Letter

1890-1891, Mary Cassatt,
drypoint and aquatint on cream laid paper, 1926.205
(<https://bit.ly/WAMLetter>)

In 1890, Mary Cassatt (the artist) found inspiration in an exhibition of Japanese color woodcuts that may have shown prints similar to the one to the left! She created a series of her own colored prints about the daily life of a woman in Paris in the late 1800s. Here she has captured the image of a woman sealing a letter to be sent.

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Stamp It!

Supplies

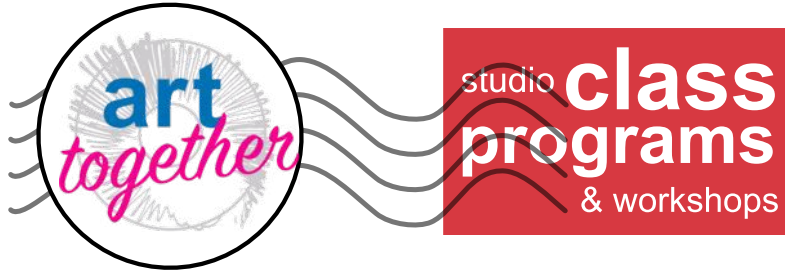
- Thicker Paper - cardstock works well. Cut to ~4"x6"
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Colored Media
 - Markers or
 - Crayons or
 - Colored Pencils



Create

1. You can use the postcard template on the next page (print on cardstock so it durable to mail!), or make your own postcards without a template; a 4"x6" size works well. **NOTE ON POSTAGE:** A postcard up to 4.5"x6" in size can be mailed with a postcard stamp or with 35 cents of postage, or you can use a regular stamp as well.
2. Cut out your postcard and place it blank side up, with the address side down on the table.
3. Draw, paint, or create any postcard art that you want! Shapes, words, people, landscapes, etc.
4. If you use paint or another "wet" media, let it dry before flipping it over.
5. When ready, turn your postcard over and add the mailing address, your message, and a stamp (if mailing)!
6. Deliver or mail your postcard to bring a smile to someone else!

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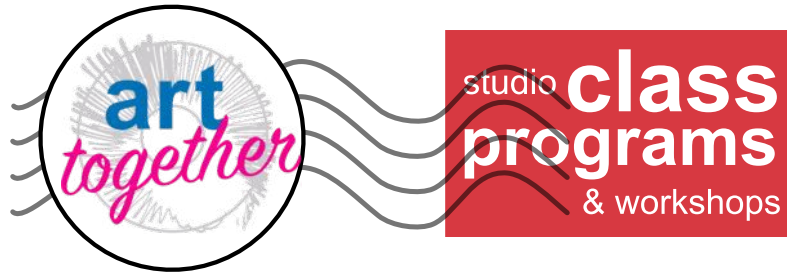
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Word Art

Supplies

- Drawing/mixed media paper or thick paper, any size
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Pens
- Coloring media of your choice: markers, crayons, oil pastels, etc.



Create

1. Pick a word - any word! It can be a name, place, feeling, emotion, etc.
2. Write your word in large letters on your paper.
3. Decorate your letters in a way that represents your word.
4. Examples:
 - The word HOT might have flames, a sun, fire, sand, warm colors, etc.
 - The word CAT might have fur, stripes, spots, paws, cat ears, etc.
 - The word SILLY might be wiggly, have funny faces, bright colors, etc.
5. Draw your designs out in pencil, then color them in!