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Toshiko Takaezu Inspired Layered Circle Drawing

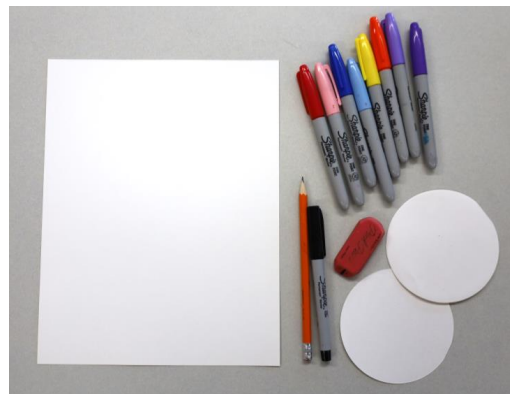
Toshiko Takaezu (1922 – 2011) took inspiration from nature and the environment around her to create art using various materials. While well-known for her work in ceramics, Takaezu also created paintings, prints, fiber, and cast bronze work. RAM's permanent collection has over 30 of Takaezu's pieces spanning the range of her artistic career. This in-depth collection reflects the ways in which the artist used color and shape across media to create a cohesive body of work. Take inspiration from the color, shapes, and patterns in Takaezu's lithograph below to create an original, layered circle drawing!



Toshiko Takaezu
Untitled, ca. 1980
Color lithograph
22 1/2 x 28 1/2 inches
Racine Art Museum,
the Karen Johnson Boyd Collection
Photo: Jarvis Lawson

Supplies

- Paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Permanent marker
- Coloring materials (markers, color pencils, crayons)
- Optional: circular-shaped objects to trace



Instructions

1. Draw or trace a large circle onto a piece of paper using a pencil
2. Draw or trace smaller circles inside of the large circle, overlapping them to create layers
3. Trace over the circles with a black permanent marker to define the shapes
4. Add color to some of the circles using markers, crayons, or color pencils
5. Add patterns on top of the circles like the spirals shown here to add texture to the finished piece

