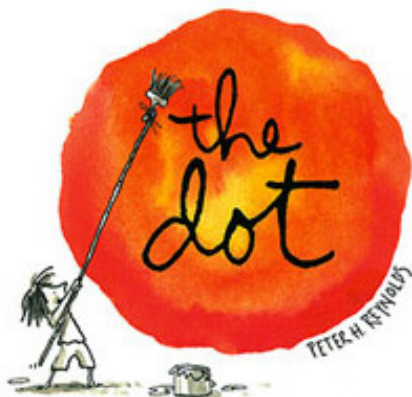


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INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY IDEA PACK

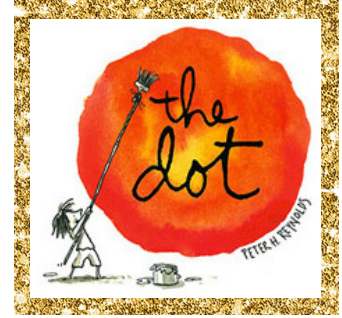


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"THE DOT" BY
PETER REYNOLDS

INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

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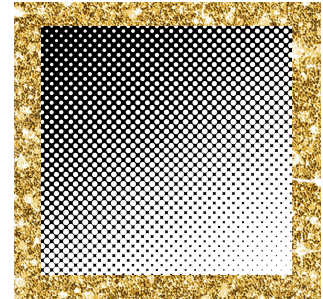
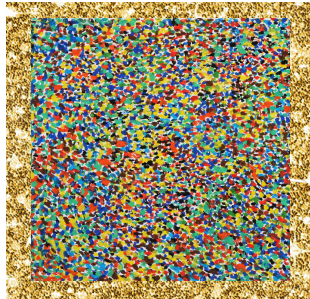
International Dot Day is celebrated on or around September 15th. To get started, read *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. [Here](#) is the place where you can sign up your school, view a gallery of ideas and more!



artists

A focus on artists is an inspirational and informative way to lead your students. Famous Artists Who Embrace the Dot:

- Damien Hirst
- Bridget Reilly
- Chuck Close
- Roy Lichtenstein
- Kandinsky



polka dotted cupcake

Start with a dot, and turn it into a delicious, larger-than-life cupcake!

Turn the art room or your dining room into a bakery by changing it up and making sprinkle covered deserts of other types such as ice cream, layer cakes - or even donuts.



POLKA DOTTED CUPCAKE



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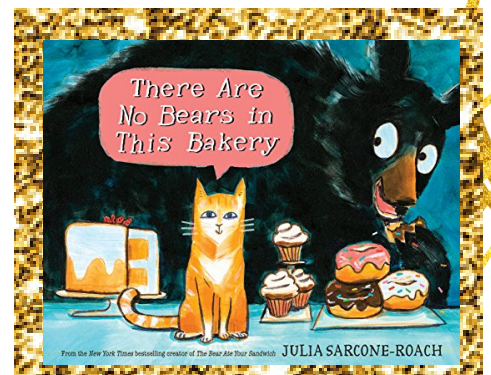
Use it for International Dot Day, or for a fun food unit, but these polka dotted cupcakes are larger-than-life and perfect for all ages.

Start with a basic drawing of a giant cupcake, add dots using bright colored markers, decorate the wrapper, and then finish up with black tempera for an outline and a silly face. Just like the delicious cupcakes one might find at the bakery, every cupcake is unique.

Pair it with "[There Are No Bears in This Bakery.](#)" by Julia Sarcone-Roach and create an entire wall of cupcakes for a literature tie in.

supplies

- 12x18 white mixed-media paper
- 12x18 colored mixed-media paper (for background)
- Pencil
- Markers
- Black tempera & paintbrush
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons



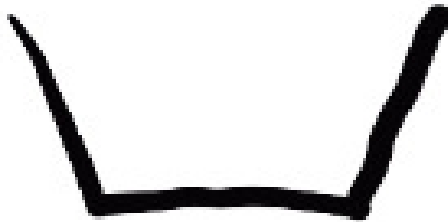
POLKA DOTTED CUPCAKE

step one: drawing the cupcake

Using a pencil draw a horizontal line near the bottom of the page, leaving a hand's width on either side of the line. Draw two angled lines upward. Connect with a zigzag line.

Draw a curved rainbow line for the first layer of frosting. Add another curved line on top. Add additional layers if there is room. Draw a circle on top for a cherry.

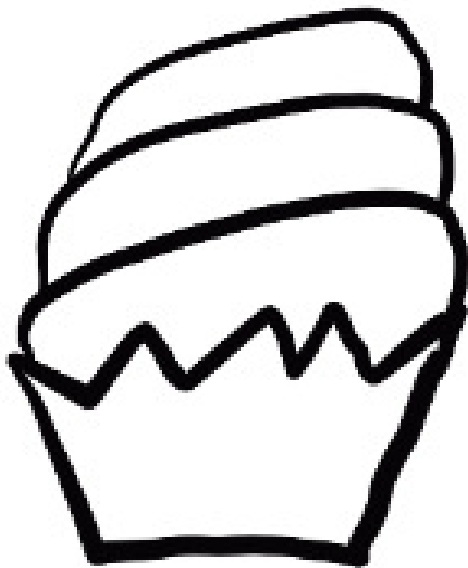
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POLKA DOTTED CUPCAKE

step two: decorating the cupcake

Starting with one marker color, add polka dots to the cupcake frosting. Add at least 5 more colors until the amount of dots takes up more space than the "vanilla frosting". Color the cherry, but do not add the stem.

Use stripes or a solid color for the cupcake wrapper to provide contrast.



Cut out the cupcake and glue onto a large sheet of colored paper.

Use black tempera to paint an outline around the cupcake. Paint the lines in between layers of frosting, as well as stripes for the cupcake wrapper.

Paint around the cherry and add a stem.

Paint a fun face on the cupcake, and arms and legs, if desired.



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other project ideas

Drip Drop Dot (PreK and up):

Set up liquid watercolors and liquid droppers. Wet the paper. Drip drops on the paper and see how they travel on 12x18 sheets of paper. Give students a large circle to find the "dot", trace the circle, cut it out and mount or hang!

Make My Marker Dot (any age):

Students design their own dot with patterns waters soluble markers and then add water with a brush to spread areas of the design.

Wet on Wet with a Dash of Salt (any age):

Wet the paper and have the students freely paint and explore with the wet on wet technique. Give each student a bit of salt to sprinkle on their paper.

Aesthetic Dot (5th grade and up):

Students this age are all about their colors and styles. Before you begin discuss their personal "aesthetic." Each student uses a circle tracer, a choice of 2 mediums to create an abstract work. To keep students focused on style and technique, the suggested rules are no words, letters or symbols (emojis).

how to arrange and display

- Coffee filter dots can be hung in windows to greet people in the main entrance of a school
- Turn the dots into lollipops- create a lollidot forest
- Use the dots to make something else (sun, giant spiral, flowers)
- Create a whole- grade level or school collaborative piece and arrange by color- warm/cool, rainbow, ect.
- Create a "the dot" inspired wall with Vashti making her mark

