



Make Your Own Edible Color Wheel!

Materials:

Vanilla wafers

Pillsbury Vanilla Frosting

Package of food coloring

Styrofoam bowls/plates

Napkins/paper towels

Plastic knives/craft sticks/spoons



Procedure:

1. Scoop frosting into three bowls and use food coloring to dye one each red, yellow, and blue. Cover (hide) and set aside.

2. As students come into room, have them sit in groups of three or four.

3. Begin introduction or review of color theory by asking them to name the three primary colors. Once they have correctly identified these, uncover the bowls.

4. Using a spoon, scoop frosting of each color onto a Styrofoam plate, one for each group of students. While doing this, continue to ask students questions (i.e. "what are the secondary colors and how do you mix them?" etc. Adapt questions according to age group and prior exposure to color theory concepts.)





5. Pass out plastic knives or craft sticks, one per person. Ask MORE questions about color theory (i.e. "what are complementary colors and what is their relative position on the color wheel?" etc.) Give each group a plate with frosting on it, and either a second empty plate or a large paper towel.
6. Produce a box of Vanilla wafers from a bag, and pass out at least 13 cookies to each group, placing cookies on empty plate or paper towel.
7. At this point, the light will probably begin to dawn for the students and they will understand what they are to do! Explain that they will be working as a team to produce a color wheel, using Vanilla wafers and frosting to create primary, secondary and tertiary colors, as well as a neutral.
8. Remind students to wipe off the stick (DON'T LICK IT!) in between colors so as not to contaminate the purity of the primary colors.
9. Once the color wheels have been finished and have been checked for color accuracy and correct placement, students may eat their work!

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