A very easy and simple abstract art project is the "One Line Design" project on pg 63 of Discovering Great Artists by Kohl & Solga, which is CC a recommended resource.

For those of you who do not own this book here are the instructions:

One Line Abstract Design

Material

- White Drawing Paper
- Pencil
- Black Permanent Marker
- Colored Pencils
- Place the point of the pencil on one corner of a sheet of drawing paper. Then slowly and carefully, without lifting the pencil, let the pencil wander all over the paper. Make long lines, circles, angles and curved lines. Leave some parts of the paper open and white, without lines. Make other areas dense with lines. Create an abstract design in any way desired.
- 2. Now, trace over the pencil line with Black Permanent Marker.
- 3. When the line ink drawing is finished, use colored pencil to color in the spaces created. Use a variety of colors to fill in all the interesting, organic shapes that have been created with the line drawing.

These are the basic instructions found in the book. I changed a couple of things to make it more CC friendly. For example, I used colored pencils instead of water colors to add color. This will help the project fit better into a CC morning.

I have done this project with students in K-6th grade and all have enjoyed it.

The results are quite stunning!



This piece was created using geometric shapes. Using the One Line technique your pieces will be more organic, but the basic idea is the same.

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