WARHOL ART PROJECT
2D SOUP CANS
MATERIALS

- Print PDF of soup cans- small grouping of nine to a page is shown in sample, but recommend using the larger six.
- Black cardstock per student.
- Glue stick and scissors.
- Sharpies- find day glo sharpies.
- Wipes.
- May need backup tacky glue.
- Pencils to write names on back.

PREP

- Cover tables with white butcher block paper.
- Arrange sharpies, glue sticks and scissors per station.

PROJECT- BACKGROUND WARHOL POP ART COLOR

Warhol wanted a distinctive subject for his paintings so experimented with different contexts and colors. Today we are going to create a 2D iconic repeat of his famous soup cans.

He kept the background very simple- we are going to glue our cans to a black background which will make our pop art colors really POP off the page! This creates a high contrast.

We are also going to create contrasts with the colors into wild color combinations. If you look at the color wheel, you can see which colors are contrasting colors (the ones opposite each other) and which ones are complementary (next to one another). Warhol liked vibrant colors that challenged the idealist vision. What does that mean? For the tomato soup- he didn’t want you to think of traditional white, red and yellow, but green and purple. Just like he turned a normal portrait of someone into unthinkable colors for their face, hair and lips, etc.
PROJECT- INSTRUCTIONS

We are going to make a series of four or six cans and glue them on the black background so that they pop out. Please listen to the instructions before you begin.

- Write your name/section in pencil on back of black paper.
- Decide what type of Campbell’s soup cans you are going to create. There is room on the can to add the name and add something in the seal in the center as well as add other enhancements. What you are going to use for one will be applied to the others as we are creating a repeat. Some ideas for the soup cans are your first or last name on each, your dog’s name, sports, famous people’s names, weird food names, etc. Just be consistent.
- Roughly decide your color theme for the first one- please note that you will need to add the name about the word “soup” before you start coloring, as light sharpies will not go over darker colors.
- Remember the color contrasts and experiment with wild ones that are out of the box combinations.
- Once you have colored 4 or 6 (do 4 if you are slower), cut out the cans being careful not to cut off the tabs. Bend each tab back with your fingers and press down so that the tab will stay in the back. You may want to score it with your fingernails.Then slightly bend the soup can with your fingers so that it is rolled a little to give it the ability to pop off the page. Apply glue to both tabs and press the sides of each can onto the black background.
- It might be best to determine your layout before gluing each one and make sure they are in a grid-like fashion. Now you have made real pop art!