

Hello! I am a special education major and am really interested in catering education to each student's needs. I am really passionate about giving every student the tools they need to be successful and love to learn. In general, I am interested in nature, hiking, hammocks, finding parks and cool places to be outside. I am also really interested in sports, I played 4 varsity sports throughout high school. I have always just loved being active and hate just sitting around. As for art, I do enjoy coloring and painting. It is one of my go-to activities when I find myself overwhelmed and stressed. It is nice to just relax and have no motives or plans besides have some paint and put it on paper. Other than that I don't have an interest in art and artists, it had never been something I spent much time learning about.

The process of creating this was pretty simple. I look around my house and found some fake flowers that I was able to bend to form the shape that best matched the flowers being held in the original artwork. Once I had the flowers I had to practice the positioning of the hands, which was a bit more tricky. It felt very awkward. After some practice, I felt confident in my ability to hold the flowers correctly, next up was the background. I just used a white area background, since the original background was white. I did find it difficult to set up the image, being able to prop up my phone and have the camera behind me. It took me a few tries but I set up my camera with the time and flash on while sitting on my desk then I reached my hands around the phone to take the picture. Once I had the picture I used a photo editing app to cut out my hands and the flowers to give a better white background and make it more zoomed out.

Pablo Picasso made *Petite Fleurs*, also referred to as the bouquet of peace in 1958. He did this to commemorate the peace demonstration in Stockholm Sweden. I chose this image because I really love flowers and I thought the simple nature of this piece that holds greater value and meaning was really interesting. When looking through options to recreate this was one I looked at and could see myself hanging up in my house. It really felt like me. Which made it a really cool choice to try and recreate.

I really enjoyed this project, it is for sure one of the most lighthearted and creative assignments I have had in a while which I liked. It was nice to have so much creative freedom, although mine was a more simple choice, it was what I really connected with and I enjoyed being able to express that. I value having freedom over assignments and this project did that. It was a lot of fun to talk to my friends about and get their opinions on which artwork I should choose. I think especially during the pandemic this is a super cool idea since there are so many options to choose from and you can just be creative and use what you have to recreate it is awesome. This was challenging as it is not the type of art I typically do or like so it definitely challenged me to come up with an idea, but I enjoyed the opportunity to use photography and imitate art in a creative way. Overall, really enjoyed this assignment.



