



North Van City Mosaic

Bringing Our Community Together in Response to COVID-19

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If you are working with younger students in a class setting, you might choose the option of having the children draw or paint on paper instead of taking photographs. Here are a few suggestions if you decide to do so:

- We love all kinds of drawings, so no need to worry about the student's skills, drawing is about self-expression and telling a story for this project.
- The artwork the students make can be any size as long as it is a square. For example, an 8 x 8 inch square drawing will fit in a letter size paper and will be easy to scan. We suggest using our [blank square PDF file](#) to download and print out for students' use.
- We recommend students use ink, dark felts, charcoal, or paints; artwork with high contrast will show better on when uploaded on the Mosaic; graphite pencils are not recommended due to lack of contrast.
- To create a digital file of your drawing, painting or print, scan your image in either black & white or colour, or take a photo of your artwork. You do not need a professional camera; a cell phone camera will work great.

We encourage teachers and instructors to guide students with prompts and techniques of their choice or have students draw freely. To assist in providing low-barrier participation, we have included an artwork lesson plan using twigs and ink, developed by Catherine Schechter, an SD44 and Artists For Kids instructor. [Click here to download: Art Twig and Ink Landscape Lesson.](#)

Writing a Description

If students choose to, they will have the opportunity to write a short text to let others know what their image is about. Younger students might need a bit of help to write the text about their image. We usually recommend writing anywhere from 2-8 sentences to tell a short story about how the image connects to the student's experience during COVID-19.

Uploading to the Mosaic

Younger students might need a bit of help to upload their entry. Teacher or instructor email addresses can be used to submit for students. Once participants complete their submission to North Van City Mosaic, they will receive a confirmation email with a link to their image in the Mosaic. Participants will also be notified via email of upcoming announcements for Phase II community public art projects. Emails will not be made public or shared with third parties.

Sharing Instructor Experiences

If you want to write a blog post about your classes experience participating in the North Van City Mosaic, or share a lesson plan, let us know and we will be happy to share it on our website.

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