

Procedure

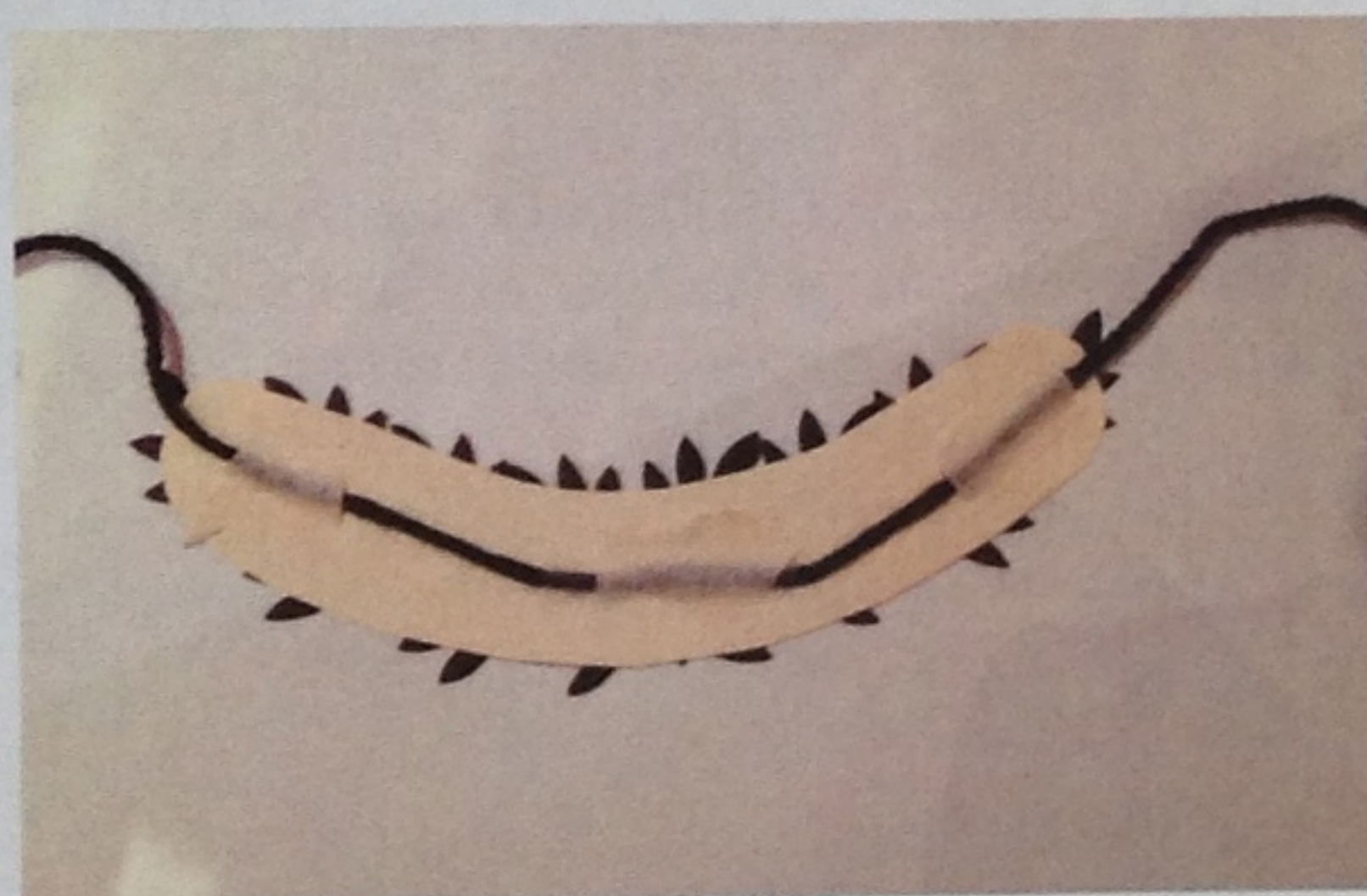


Use paper punches to punch a variety of shapes from black construction paper. Alternately, students may trace leaves and flowers and cut out.



Using a small piece of cardstock or paper for the background, arrange the shapes to create a unique composition, overlapping as desired.

Glue the pieces onto the background.



Tape a piece of string onto the backside of the cardstock.



Knot the string together to turn into a necklace, bracelet or other decoration.

- Review the terms negative and positive space with students when finished with their pieces.
- Conclude by having students write about a special experience they had with nature, making sure to include main characters, sequence of events and descriptive details.

Suggestion: students can take digital images of leaves, flowers, twigs, etc. and manipulate their forms in Photoshop or similar graphic design software to enlarge, alter and combine shapes to develop the compositions or patterns desired.

Additional resources: http://www.taboostudio.com/artist_dtl.asp?artist=Helen%20Shirk#