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O-riginal Art Activities: Narrative Drawing Inspired by Susan Jamison



Susan Jamison, *Weaving Ritual*, 2016, Egg tempera on panel,
Collection of the artist

The work of **Susan Jamison** is visionary and intuitive, drawing from her own subconscious world of female archetypes and animals to weave a narrative of ritual and spiritual significance. Her work is populated with a personal menagerie of creatures, binding metaphor and meaning from various sources – fairy tales, witchcraft, world mythology – to her own story of feminine power and ecological awareness.

In *Weaving Ritual*, for example, she draws inspiration from Charlotte's Web – her favorite book as a child – to explore humanity's connection to nature. In this painting, an orb-weaver spider hangs from a web of red thread. The thread is also connected to a needle, which has connected the spider and the weaving to the fingertips of a woman.

Illustrate your favorite story in this O-riginal Art Activity inspired by Susan Jamison.

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Supplies

Pencil, Color Pencils, Paper

Instructions

Step 1: What is your favorite story or poem? Who are your favorite characters in this story? Use a pencil to draw your favorite character.

Step 2: What **narrative** do you want to tell about your character? Use a pencil to draw additional characters or objects to begin to tell a story about your character.

Step 3: Artists often use symbolism or metaphors in their work. What **symbols** are present in the story you chose to illustrate? What does the story represent to you? Use a pencil to add symbols in your drawing.

Step 4: Use color pencils to color your drawing.

Step 5 (Optional): Where does this story take place? Use a pencil and color pencils to draw a background for your characters.

Vocabulary

Narrative — a spoken or written account of connected events; a story

Symbol — an object or concept that represents, stands for, or suggests another idea, visual image, belief, or action

