

# WIDE RAINBOW LESSONS: Artist Corita Kent

## ARTIST INTRO:

Corita Kent (also known as Sister Mary Corita) was a self-taught artist and educator. Her primary medium was silk screen or serigraphy. She was a Nun that drew inspiration from Andy Warhol and the Pop Art movement. Known for her text based prints, political posters, and artwork that held messages of love and peace. Corita's *art* was her activism and she was particularly popular during the social upheavals of the 1960s and 1970s, reflecting her concerns about poverty, racism, and war, and her messages of peace and social justice continue to resonate with audiences today.

## CORITA KENT'S ARTWORK:



## **WORKSHOP:**

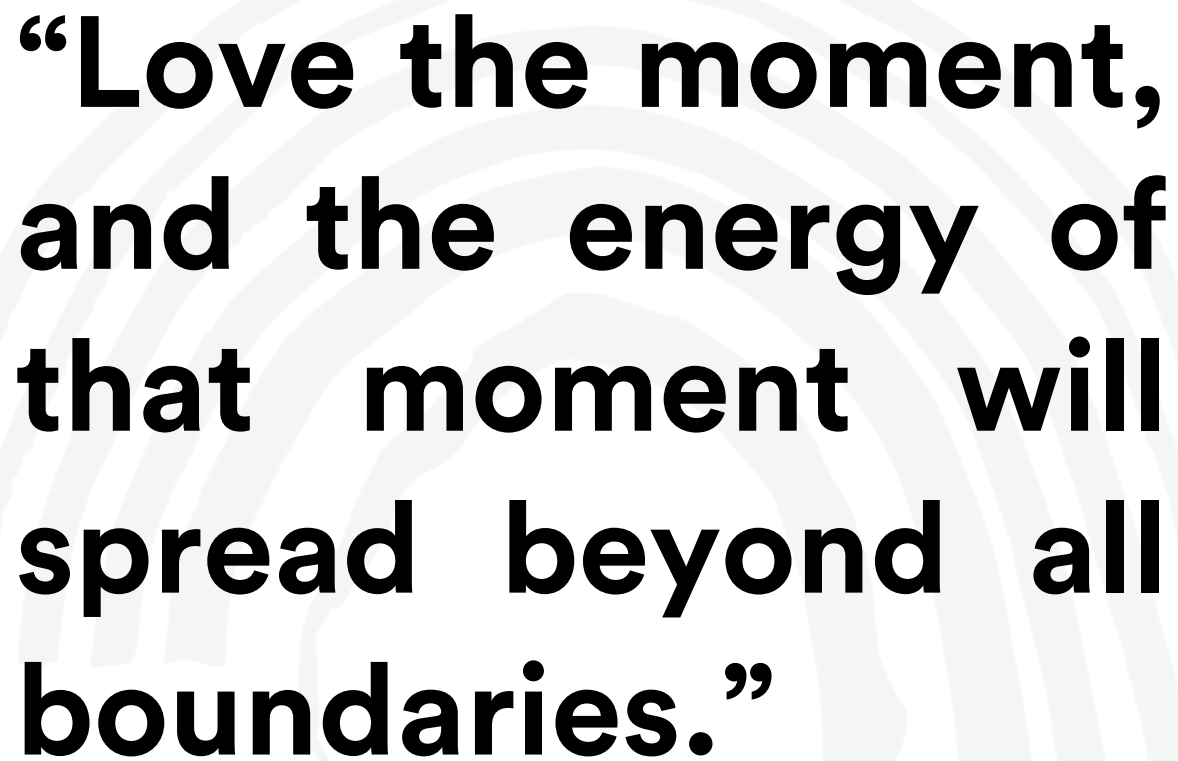
*Let's create our own artworks and political posters inspired by Corita's activism & made with love!*

1. Think of something positive or inspiring you'd like to say or share with the world...
2. Use your own words or take inspiration from songs, chants, poems, books, quotes, etc.
3. Layer all those words or statements together to create your own unique & positive message for your poster
4. Find recycled cardboard/packaging or use regular paper for your poster
5. Collage words or letters from old magazines & newspapers or use markers, paints or any colorful medium to write/layer your inspiring words
6. Take your poster with you into the world or find a place in your home (like a window or door) where other people can read your message and feel inspired too!

## **MATERIALS:**

- Paper or Recycled Cardboard
- Markers, Colored Pencils, Crayons or Paint & Brushes
- Scissors
- Glue
- Old magazines





**“Love the moment,  
and the energy of  
that moment will  
spread beyond all  
boundaries.”**

**- Corita Kent**

The background image shows a person wearing a black hijab and a black long-sleeved top, standing in a gallery. They are pointing their right hand towards a large, dark poster on the wall. The gallery walls are covered with various pieces of art, including large, colorful letters and text. Some of the visible text includes "TINY DOLY", "VITH CLEA", "HICH", "HOL", "WONAT", "RST", "USA WITH", "ERIA", "HOPE", and "KES". The overall atmosphere is artistic and vibrant.

**FOLLOW UP:**

Did any of Corita's posters or messages inspire you? Why?

What does your poster say?

Did you like mixing in other words, songs, poems, etc?

What does your poster mean to you? To the world?

Where did you put your poster? Will you take your poster out into the world?

What message do you hope your artwork will share?

What is activism?

What is political art? Is all art political?

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