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Hello and welcome to this episode of Creating with Mr. Debris. I'm Mr. Debris. Dairy like a cow, Barry. Like a fruit. And I'm so excited that you are here to create with me today. This episode is very special because it is about one of my most favorite books. And if you've watched other episodes of creating Mr. Database, you've might've heard me say that before, because I love books.

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I love reading books, but I also love creating art that is inspired by books and artists that I learn about while reading the books. And today's title is called The Circles All Around US, and it's written by my friends Brad and Christy Montague. You may have heard of Brad Montague before. Have you ever heard of a guy called Kid President?

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Maybe some teachers in the room who are watching or wherever you're watching? Adults in the room may have heard of Kid President. Brad Montague was the founder of Kid President. And and he and his wife wrote this book called Circles Around US. And this is a beautiful book about all the people that are in your life when when you were born, you had a circle, your parents, your caretakers, maybe siblings were were there with you.

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That was your close circle. And then as you grew up and got to know the rest of your family, you met cousins and grandparents and that that was another layer of your circle. And then one day you went to school and friends were added to your circle, and then you grew grew up and you maybe go to high school and you get you get more friends and your circle gets bigger.

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And then one day you grow up and go to college and you get or start your career and your coworkers or your friends, more people. And then one day you start your own family and maybe you have your own kids or adopt your own kids or how. And then you have another. And your circle just keeps getting bigger and bigger.

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And it's all of the people that you love and care for inside of your circle. I love one of the pages in the book where they talk about wonderful things can happen when love is known and felt everywhere in your circle, in that beautiful and you see all the different kinds of

people. And I love it, too. And the illustrations.

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They have a yummy treat. That is a circle, a donut. Right. Circles are everywhere. Donuts are a circle. Froot Loops are a circle. Why am I thinking of food? Pizza as a circle? They're circles everywhere here on our table. This. This tape is a circle. There's this lid to the glue. Has a circle on it. This can. It has a circle on it.

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The lid to the marker has a circle on it. There's the the glue is a circle. There's just circles everywhere. So circles are a big part of our life. We see them everywhere. Right. And so I love to think of way that we could create something with circles that would be a reminder of us, of all the people who are in our circle.

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And I thought about an artist that I learned about one time called Vassily Kandinsky. So that would be Vassily Kandinsky. Yes. But Wassily Kandinsky is a Russian artist, and I got here on my my Internet. It says he was born in 1866 and passed away in 1944. So that was a long time ago. That was before I was born.

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That probably was before your grandparents were born even. Who knows? But it was a long, long time ago. And Vasily liked to create art with circles, and he called them concentric circles. And here, here's a picture of those concentric circles. This is one of his most famous pieces of art. And a concentric circles just means that the center of the circles are the same all the way through.

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So basically the circles are stacked, if you will, with the center being on top of the center, on top of the center. But you see that they're different sizes. So I want to create some artwork that's inspired by Wassily Kandinsky, but also that is reminding us of the people that are in our circle. So I want to show you how we're going to do that.

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First, you got to get your your your your piece of paper where you're going to create your artwork. Reading it can be a piece of construction paper. It can be white paper, cardstock, whatever you have. You could do it on a piece of cardboard, whatever. But you want

to make sure that there's like four different sections in your paper.

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So I fold it in half and then I fold it in half again. That's called making. Making your paper into quadrants. See, there's one, two, three, four. Quired means four. So, one, two, three, four. And we're going to put a different set of concentric circles in each of these spaces. Now, after you do that, you've got to get your circles ready.

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Now, I have some circles here that you're going to have circles all around that you can use as a template. This was a lit off of a candle. This was off of gate array. This was off a prescription. This was off of some laundry detergent. This is off of Pringles. This was man, I eat a lot of junk food.

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I named a lot of junk food in here. This is some M&Ms. So, yeah. Anyway, so what you're going to do is you're going to use these different sizes. You're going to pick three different sizes that would be small, medium and large. So that would be a small. That one could be a small. These are like mediums. This is a large.

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Or if you compare them this way. Large. Medium. Oh, let's do this. Large, medium and small. Okay, so they stack. All right. So then you're going to get some other colors of paper. I've got different colored construction paper. You could do all white paper and color and design your circles however you want to. But for this lesson today, I'm using construction paper.

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And then what I did, I cut out my strips, and I'm going to place this large one here. And I traced it with my black marker. You can see a trace to my black marker. And then I did my medium and then I did my small and poof, I cut them out. And here they all are. Right. I got them all ready for us.

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And then you're going to pick a large and put a large circle in each space. Now you want to put a little bit of glue down in each space, right in the center. And this is going to you're going to make out just like Vasily Kandinsky with his concentric circles. All right. I'm going to start with Red and then I'm going to do yellow, and then I'm

going to do a blue and a green.

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Now, some of you out there might be watching this and thinking, oh, well, this seems very simple. It is. It is simple. Not all creating has to be hard. But remember, the point of this is going to be a visual representation of the circles of our people in our lives. People that we love, that we care for, that love and care for us.

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And your circles can have anybody you want to own it. All right, so I'll put another little this time on. But since I didn't use orange and I'm going to do purple there and see now what I'm doing is I'm making sure that the center of the circle is the same, whether it's the purple one or the red, when they're both in the middle.

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Okay, here's that one. I'm going to blue. All right. Got some I got some glue here. I'll put a little bit more. Now, I like you need to have them different colors. So I'm going to do yellow there and then let's do a let's do a red. All right. And then we're going to do our last one. Now, you could keep going as tiny or as large as you want to.

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This is just what I'm doing. For the sake of our lesson today, I'm going to put a green when there. Let's see. Let's put a blue one here. Notice that the centers are still the same on each one. Let's do it. Let's see. Let's do purple here. And then what can we do? Let's do a yellow in here.

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I feel like I need a little more glue there than want to stick there. All right. And then what you can do is you could say, okay, this is my family circle. This is my school circle. These are my friend circles. These are people I want to be in my circle. And you can write the names of those people on the circles.

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As you're thinking about this book. Circles around us. So some people in my family circle would be, you know, Matt and my mom and my sister and my nieces. So I'm just writing and their names on here. And then in my friends, we got Meg and then we got, um, um, Aaron. See, I'm just putting their names there and I'm putting Nikki, you know, I'm

just putting the names of people who are in my circle that people that I know that are my friends, the people that are in the circles all around me.

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And I'm creating art at the same time. Inspired by Vassily Kandinsky. I hope that y'all enjoyed this. I can't wait to see your circles. I hope that you will share those on social media and tag me at Mr. Debris on Twitter and Instagram and just have fun creating and thinking about the people that you love and that love you and and the circles around you and whatever you do, just remember this.

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It's a great day to create. Thank you for joining me for this episode of creating Mr. Debris. I'll see you next time.