



Lama Majaj: The Embodied Art Therapy Process



Lama Majaj is an art psychotherapist with seventeen years of experience in education, healthcare, and humanitarian settings. Let Lama introduce you to The Embodied Art Therapy Process (TEATP); a model that focuses on the co-creation of embodied artistic expressions to promote self-awareness and autonomy for children. You will experience a guided somatic and art-making meditation and hear Janelle's journey in art therapy.

TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: Silent mind. Existential body. Be well.

Short Experiential Practice: Breath and Awareness Meditation From The Embodied Intelligence Book

- Make yourself comfortable. Notice your breath. Bring awareness into your right hand and put it onto your chest to feel your heartbeat. Feel how your breath is connected to your heartbeat. Recall a joyful memory and be immersed in it. Connect to your heart and notice the quality, the pulsation. This is your heart liking it and being content.

Drawing Practice:

- Take a pen or a pencil and draw any shapes, words or lines on a piece of paper.
- **If your heart had a chance to speak, what would it say?** Our physical heart has its own nervous system. It's called a heart brain. It can sense, feel, learn and remember.
- It's good to **connect to your heart on a daily basis**, address your breath to it.

Case Study: Janelle's Story

- Janelle was an anxious 10 years old. Most days she felt very emotional and found it difficult to make friends.
- Lama used a holistic experiential approach and art-making to better understand how Janelle saw the world, herself and her relationships. Thanks to these sessions, Janelle was able to notice and name different embodied sensations. They drew and discussed pain, fear, hunger. Every sensation had a unique color.
- Janelle and her father had issues in their relationship, so she invited him into the sessions. Janelle and her father took time to use their bodies as a compass first putting it on paper, then discussing how they felt. They talked about personal space and how their bodies were interlinked. These sessions gave them more proximity and playfulness, and a better relationship.
- With the help of Lama and the art therapy, Janelle got better at expressing herself and building relationships.

Resources:

- Sooks: Embodied Intelligence: An Experimental Guide by Lama Majaj (free e-book)
- Websites: <u>arttherapy.org/</u>, <u>feldenkraissummit.com/</u>, <u>drmarthaeddy.com/</u>, <u>lamamajaj.com/</u>
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