

VSA arts of Nevada
Snow Scene Print

Grade Level: 2-6



Description/Objective

This project takes advantage of the beauty of the season, and a chance to get you and your child out for some fresh air! Invite your child to go on a nature hike and look for small fallen flat branches and small evergreen branches to print. Discuss the different trees you see during your walk, and identify which are deciduous and which are evergreen, and what those names mean. Select an assortment of shapes and sizes that fit onto 12" x 18" paper. These shapes are printed on "snow paper". This project was completed by McKenzie Moilanen, a VSA arts of Nevada volunteer.

The Snow Scene Print could be used as a cover for a winter poetry book containing poems composed by you and you child.

Have fun and stay warm!

Materials

12" x 18" dark blue construction paper (1 per student)

Newspaper

White tempera paint

White tempera paint thinned with water

Black tempera paint thinned with water

Spray bottle

Cookie sheet/plastic/sturdy paper plate

Flat tree branches and evergreen branches collected on your walk

Cotton swabs, small paint brush

Procedure

1. Put thinned white tempera in an empty spray bottle. The tempera should have the consistency of milk. Spray a sheet of blue construction paper to make "snow paper". To prevent a mess, use a box or several sheets of newspaper to lay construction paper on when spraying. You can use paper towels to carefully blot the paint to quicken the drying time.

2. After the "snow paper" is dry, use the flat branches and evergreen branches as paintbrushes to create a winter scene. Pour slightly thinned black paint on a cookie sheet/plate, and then swish the branches in the paint. Place the black branches on the "snow paper" and pat down with a paper towel or newspaper. Carefully remove branches to leave the black print silhouettes. Cotton swabs may be dipped in white tempera to make snow hills, and the end of a paint brush could be dipped into the black tempera to add streaked patterns and other personal touches to the snow scene.

This art project could also be used in the fall to create an Autumn Scene by spraying orange paint on yellow paper to create the "fall paper." After the paper dries, pour slightly thinned red paint on a plate and swish small flat fallen leaves in the paint.

SIDEBAR

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