



Magical Winter Forest

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Art Cards by Kids is an exciting fundraising opportunity for elementary schools across North America. This high-profit artwork fundraiser brings creativity into the classroom in a fun, educational, and rewarding way for students, families, and teachers alike.

We created these step-by-step instructions and videos to help teachers in the classroom guide students in creating amazing artwork for the fundraiser. Videos can easily be projected or displayed in the classroom for students to watch with guidance from their teacher. Please make sure your school has registered already and you have received our specially sized custom art sheets from the coordinator at your school before starting. Happy artistry!

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Description:

Learn how to blend oil pastels into a magical winter scene with tall slender trees, a hazy pink and blue sky, and snow falling softly all around creating a peaceful winter scene.

Materials Needed:

- Oil pastels ranging from dark blue to light blue, dark and medium purple, pink, white
- Acrylic paint in black and white
- Small paint brush
- Paint tray
- Black permanent marker
- Paper towel
- Water

Difficulty Level: Grade 3-4

[See the corresponding step-by-step video to these instructions on our website under the same title.](#)

F-084 Magical Winter Forest Art Project Instructions:

1. Prepare Your Art Sheet Paper

- a. Place your Art Cards by Kids Art Sheet on the table vertically. Make sure the vertical arrows on the left side are pointing upwards.

2. Write Your Name

- a. At the top, write your name, teacher's name, age, and grade in big, bold letters using a marker or pen—no pencil!

3. Outline the Hills

- a. With the darkest blue shade pastel, create two layers of curving hills, one above the other, on the bottom 1/3 of the page.

4. Fill In the Background

- a. Going from darkest blue pastel at the top of the page, to light blue, to purple, then to pink in a gradient, fill in the background until you get to the hills. Use medium pressure for good color saturation and cover most of the white area without many large gaps.

5. Blend the Background

- a. With a piece of paper towel over your finger, blend the pastel together on your page to create a smooth gradient of colors, leaving no harsh lines behind.

6. Blend the Hills

- a. With a new paper towel, blend the dark blue lines you made for hills, smudging slightly to look like snow drifts. You can add white pastel to make it easier to blend.

7. Paint the Trees

- a. Using your black paint and paintbrush, create 6 straight and slender vertical lines coming up from the two hill layers, alternate the bases from the peaks and valleys. Make the bases of the trees slightly wider where they connect to the snow.
- b. Let it dry.

8. Paint Snowflakes and a Moon

- a. With your white paint and brush, add small random dots all over the background and trees as snowflakes.
- b. Behind one of the trees, paint a white circle as the moon.

9. Sign Your Name

- a. Once everything is totally dry, use your black marker to sign your name below the trees.
- b. Do not sign your name too close to the black border, it will be cut off!

Complete!