



## Pastel Holly Branch

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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:

Create a festive holly branch with bright red berries and spiky green leaves, dusted with soft, sparkling snow. The bold colours and shapes with the contrast of the background bring this wintry scene to life.

### Materials Needed:

- Oil pastel in bright red and green
- White acrylic paint
- Medium round brush
- Black construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black permanent marker
- Paper towel
- Water
- Paint palette

Difficulty Level: Grade 1-2

See the corresponding step-by-step video to these instructions on our website under the same title.

## **F-059 Pastel Holly Branch Art Project Instructions:**

### **1. Prepare Your Paper and Supplies**

- 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.
- b. Gather the necessary supplies for your artwork.

### **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. Apply the Background**

- a. Ensure your construction paper is 9x12.5" (23x32cm) so that it fits inside your Art Sheet template, extending to the black borders without leaving any white space. If your paper is too short, cut a small strip from another piece to fill the gap.
- b. Use plenty of glue and press firmly to secure your construction paper to the Art Sheet.

### **4. Draw the Berries**

- a. With the red pastel, draw five clusters of berries by making 1-inch circles. Each cluster should have one to three berries, arranged in a zig-zag pattern going up the page.

### **5. Draw the Branch**

- a. With the green pastel, draw a wavy vertical line through the center of the page in between the berries. Make the branch thicker at the bottom and thinner at the top.
- b. Connect each berry cluster to the main branch with a short, curved line that stretches just past the berries.

### **6. Draw the Leaves**

- a. At the end of each branch, draw a pointy, scalloped holly leaf and fill it in with green pastel.
- b. Draw a zig-zag shape with point going up and down to make the leaf's edges, connecting the ends to form the leaf.

### **7. Add Extra Stems**

- a. Use the green pastel to add a few short stems growing out from the main branch.

### **8. Paint Snow on the Branch**

- a. With the white paint and brush, stipple snow onto the tops of all the leaves and berries to show where the snow has landed.

### **9. Add Snow to the Background**

- a. Use the brush and white paint to dot falling snowflakes randomly across the background.
- b. Hold the brush above the page and tap it with your finger so tiny specks of paint scatter, making it look like a snowstorm
- c. Allow to dry completely before moving on.

### **10. Sign Your Name**

- a. With the green pastel, sign your name near the stem or the leaves.
- b. Don't sign your name too close to the black border or it will get cut off!

Complete!