



## Winter Village

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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 create a vibrant winter village full of charm and personality, starting with a simple printed house outline you can cut, decorate, and bring to life. With bright paints, playful patterns, and festive details, you'll design a cozy snowy scene that feels magical and uniquely yours.

### Materials Needed:

- PDF Winter Village print-out (page 5) on letter paper (8.5x11")
- Acrylic paint in dark purple, medium purple, dark blue, medium blue, and white
- Multi-colour paint markers
- Oil pastels that match the paint colours
- Large flat and small round brush
- Thin black marker
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Paper towel
- Water
- Paint palette

Difficulty Level: Grade 1-5

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

**F-049** Winter Village Art Project Instructions:

**1. Prepare 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.
- c. Print out the Winter Village cut-out on page 5 on standard 8.5x11" letter paper.

**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. Paint the Background**

- a. Use the dark blue paint and flat brush. Start at the top and work your way down the page, adding in purples and medium blue in large, random strokes.
- b. Make the background bright and wild.
- c. Allow the paint to dry before moving on to the next step.

**4. Shade the Houses**

- a. With the printed village outline and oil pastels, shade the left edge of each house. Start at the top of the roof with dark blue, blending into light blue, then light purple, and finally dark purple.
- b. Blend everything together with your finger to create a smooth gradient. Wash your hands afterward.

**5. Draw the Doors**

- a. Use your black marker to draw different size and shape doors on each house. Each one can be different, such as square, arched, or double doors.
- b. Customize!

**6. Decorate the Roof**

- a. With the black marker, draw different line designs on each roof, such as squiggly lines, diagonal lines, checker patterns, or scallops.
- b. Customize!

## **7. Draw the Windows**

- a. With the yellow marker, draw windows on each house in different spots. Make the windows unique for each house: big, small, square, circular, semi-circular, etc.
- b. Customize!

## **8. Outline the Windows**

- a. With the black marker, outline the yellow windows. Add different line patterns inside the windows.
- b. Customize!

## **9. Draw String Lights**

- a. With the thin black marker, draw scalloped lines along the bottom of each roof to make string light wires.

## **10. Add Light Bulbs**

- a. Use yellow, red, and green markers to draw teardrop-shaped lights along the scalloped lines.
- b. Customize!

## **11. Draw Wreaths and Holly**

- a. With the green marker, draw wreaths or holly leaves above the doors. For wreaths, draw a small circle with bubbly edges and a white center. For holly, draw three leaf shapes coming from a central point.
- b. Customize!

## **12. Add Bows and Berries**

- a. With the red marker, add bows as accents to the wreaths and three red dots as berries to the holly leaves.
- b. Customize!

## **13. Decorate the Doors**

- a. Use the red marker to add fun details such as lines, swirls, and hearts to the doors.
- b. Customize!

## **14. Decorate the Walls**

- a. With the black marker, add diagonal and horizontal lines across the houses to look like wooden slats.
- b. Draw bricks on the lower half of some houses and the chimneys. Add extra shapes, lines, and squiggles.
- c. Customize!

### **15. Add More Wall Decorations**

- a. With a different colour marker, add designs to the houses, such as shapes, diagonal lines, horizontal lines, and squiggles.
- b. Customize!

### **16. Cut out the Village**

- a. With scissors, carefully cut out the houses. Cut along the outer edge of the solid black outlines and the inner edge of the dotted outlines.

### **17. Glue Down the Village**

- a. With the glue stick, add LOTS of glue to the backside of the village.
- b. Align the edges with dotted lines to the black border lines on the Art Sheet in the bottom-left corner, then press it down.
- c. Glue the paper down really well so no corners pop up.

### **18. Paint Snow and Smoke**

- a. With the small brush and white paint, stipple paint along the tops of the roofs for snow and above the chimneys for smoke.
- b. Dot snow randomly across the background. Then, hold the brush above the page and tap it with your finger to scatter paint.

### **19. Sign Your Name**

- a. Above the roof of one of the houses, sign your name with the black marker.
- b. Don't sign your name too close to the black border or it will get cut off!

Complete!

1.  
Cut carefully  
along the  
outer edge  
of the solid black  
outlines and inner edge  
of the dotted outlines

2.  
Place the outline  
on your Art Sheet  
with the dotted line  
edges overlapping  
the outside border  
line

