



Glowing Christmas Tree

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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:

Bring a festive scene to life with a vibrant, glowing tree at the center of a snowy landscape. Use colors, highlights, and layered brush techniques to make the lights, ornaments, and stars shimmer like they're glowing on the page.

Materials Needed:

- Acrylic paint in dark blue, medium blue, green, purple, pink, yellow, black, and white
- Large round, medium round, small round, and flat brushes
- Round Sponge
- Black permanent marker
- Paper towel
- Water
- Paint palette

Difficulty Level: Grade 3-5

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

F-104 **Glowing Christmas Tree 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. Paint the Background

- a. With the blue paint and large round brush, paint the background in circular motions, leaving a bit of white at the bottom. Add a second layer of paint for a darker, stronger colour.
- b. Allow it to dry before moving on to the next step.

4. Paint the Ground

- a. With the blue and white paint and the large round brush, paint the bottom part of the paper as a hill. Add white paint to the blue paint to create highlights at the top of the hill.
- b. Allow it to dry before moving on to the next step.

5. Create a Glowing Background

- a. With the sponge and purple paint, dab the paint lightly onto the background, starting from the center and branching out towards the edge of the page in three spots per side.
- b. Repeat the process with yellow paint, highlighting areas around the purple.
- c. Repeat the process with pink paint, highlighting areas around the purple and yellow.
- d. Allow it to dry before moving on to the next step.

6. Paint the Tree Base

- a. With the black paint and flat brush, paint a large triangle in the center of the page, extending down past the horizon. Leave a few inches of margin between the triangle and the border.
- b. With the flat brush, stamp branches that angle slightly downward all the way around the triangle.
- c. Allow it to dry before moving on to the next step.

7. Add Tree Shading

- a. With the green paint and flat brush, stamp branches horizontally across the entire tree base. Leave space between each stamp to add depth to the tree.
- b. Allow it to dry before moving on to the next step.

8. Paint String Lights

- a. With the white paint and small round brush, paint small dots going across the tree in an upward diagonal line from left to right. Paint six to seven rows of lights, spaced evenly.

9. Paint Tree Ornaments

- a. With the white paint and small round brush, paint larger circles between the rows of lights in a random pattern. Add one to three ornaments per row.
- b. Use a small amount of paint to blend the edges for a soft, glowing effect.

10. Paint Tree Stars

- a. With the white paint and small round brush, paint cross-style stars on the tree between the rows of lights and ornaments. Add one to three stars per row.
- b. Use a small amount of paint to blend the edges for a soft, glowing effect.
- c. Allow it to dry before moving on to the next step.

11. Add Purple to the Tree

- a. With the purple paint and medium round brush, blend a light layer of purple onto some of the ornaments and small sections of the string lights.
- b. Use a small amount of paint to blend the edges for a soft, glowing effect.

12. Add Pink to the Tree

- a. With the pink paint and medium round brush, blend a light layer of pink onto some of the ornaments and small sections of the string lights.
- b. Use a small amount of paint to blend the edges for a soft, glowing effect.

13. Add Yellow to the Tree

- a. With the yellow paint and medium round brush, blend a light layer of yellow onto the remaining ornaments and string lights.
- b. Paint all the stars on the tree with the yellow paint.
- c. Use a small amount of paint to blend the edges for a soft, glowing effect.

14. Paint a Star

- a. Using the yellow paint and small round brush, paint a yellow circle at the top of the tree using only a little bit of paint to create a glowing halo effect.

- b. Mix yellow and white paint for a pale yellow and paint a large cross-style star at the top of the tree inside the glowing circle.
- c. Use a small amount of paint to blend the edges for a soft, glowing effect.

15. Add Snowflakes

- a. Dip the medium brush in white paint and hold it above your paper, tapping it with your finger to scatter the paint across the page to look like falling snow.
- b. The snowflakes should appear random and scattered.
- c. Allow it to dry fully before moving on to the next step.

16. Sign Your Name

- a. With the black marker, sign your name below the tree.
- b. Don't sign your name too close to the black border or it will get cut off!

Complete!