



## Reindeer on a Starry Night

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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 paint a cheerful reindeer under a sparkling starry sky, with a tall tree full of ornaments. Follow these easy steps to guide you to make your own bright and joyful winter scene.

### Materials Needed:

- Soft Pastels in dark blue, light blue, and white
- Acrylic paint in black, red, brown, yellow, dark green, light green, and white
- Large flat, medium round, and small round brushes
- Pencil
- 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-115** Reindeer on a Starry Night Art Project Instructions:

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

- a. Place your Art Cards by Kids Art Sheet on the table horizontally. Make sure the horizontal 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. Colour in the Sky**

- a. With the light blue soft pastel colour in the background on the top two thirds of the page. After adding a layer of pastel, use your fingers to gently blend the colour into the paper.
- b. Wash your hands thoroughly after this step.

### **4. Draw the Wind**

- a. With the dark blue soft pastel, draw long curved lines across the background with spirals at the end to represent blowing wind. Draw five or more spirals and connecting lines in between.
- b. Smudge the pastel gently with your fingers to make it look smooth and blended.
- c. Wash your hands thoroughly after this step.

### **5. Add Wind Shading**

- a. Using all the shades of pastel, add highlights and lowlights to different parts of the wind spirals and lines. Blend each section well.
- b. Wash your hands thoroughly after this step.

### **6. Paint the Ground**

- a. With the white paint and large flat brush, paint three rolling hills on the bottom third of the page and fill it in with paint.

### **7. Paint the Tree**

- a. With the dark green paint and medium brush, paint a large tree on the left side of the paper.
- b. Paint sweeping, curved branches coming out from the center of the tree. The branches should be staggered in height from left to right. Make the branches bigger as they go lower on the tree.

## **8. Add Tree Highlights**

- a. With the light green paint and medium brush, paint highlights on each branch of the tree.

## **9. Sketch the Reindeer**

- a. Use the pencil to sketch out the reindeer on the right side of the page. The body should be just below the horizon in the snow.
- b. Draw the reindeer using a series of circles and ovals to create the shape of the head, body, legs, and antlers. They will all be connected by an outline.
- c. Follow the shapes in the corresponding video.

## **10. Paint the Reindeer**

- a. Paint the reindeer's outlined body with the medium brush and brown paint.
- b. Once the first layer is dry, you can add another layer for a stronger, more solid colour.

## **11. Paint the Antlers**

- a. Mix white and brown paint to make a light tan colour. Paint the reindeer's antlers with this colour using the small brush.

## **12. Add a Red Nose**

- a. Paint the reindeer's nose with red paint using the small brush.

## **13. Add Red Ornaments**

- a. Using the red paint and small brush, paint small red circles on the tree as Christmas ornaments.

## **14. Add Yellow Ornaments**

- a. Using the yellow paint and small brush, paint small yellow circles on the tree as Christmas ornaments.
- b. Paint a five-point star on top of the tree. Don't paint it too close to the black border, or it will get cut off.

## **15. Add Stars in the Sky**

- a. With the yellow paint and small brush, paint one big cross-style star in the top right corner of the page.
- b. Add five or more small cross-style stars across the sky in random spots

## **16. Paint the Eye**

- a. With the black paint and small brush, paint a circle on the reindeer's head for its eye.

**17. Add Snow to the Tree**

- a. With the white paint and medium brush, dab paint gently on the tops of all the branches on the tree as fallen snow.

**18. Add an Eye Sparkle**

- a. With the white paint and small brush, add a small dot of paint to the top right of the reindeer's eye to make it sparkle.

**19. Paint a Shadow**

- a. Mix white and black paint to get a light grey colour. Use the small brush to paint a shadow under the reindeer's feet using that colour.

**20. Add Star Sparkles**

- a. With the white paint and small brush, paint two tiny lines on each star, one on the top right and one on the bottom left, following the curve of the star to make them sparkle.

**21. Sign Your Name**

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

Complete!