



Knife Edge Peaks

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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 dramatic winter landscape step by step, from painting a bold, colorful sky to building textured mountains and misty foothills. Discover fun techniques for adding snow, depth, and a swirling snowstorm to bring your scene to life on paper.

Materials Needed:

- Acrylic paint in dark blue, medium blue, light blue, purple, pink, red, black, and white
- Large flat and medium round paint brushes
- Round sponge
- Small cardboard squares or palette knife
- 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-146 Knife Edge Peaks 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. Paint the Sky

- a. Use the large brush to cover the top half of your paper with red, pink, white, and purple paint. Apply the colours in bold, sweeping strokes and let them overlap to create a wild and dramatic sky.
- b. Allow to dry fully before moving on to the next step.

4. Paint the Mountain Silhouette

- a. With the large brush and black paint, create three tall mountain peaks reaching up into the sky. Paint large, jagged triangles and fill them in with black, connecting each peak with a valley that covers the bottom painted area of the sky.
- b. Allow to dry fully before moving on to the next step.

5. Add Mountain Texture

- a. Add depth and texture to the mountains with the different blues, black, and white paint and cardboard pieces (or palette knife). Dip the edge of the cardboard piece into the paints and drag downward from the peaks.
- b. On the right side of the mountain, use lighter colours and more white. On the left side of the mountain, use darker colours and more black.
- c. Build up multiple layers for depth using different strokes and colours, creating ridges, cliffs, and crevices.
- d. Allow to dry fully before moving on to the next step.

6. Create Mist at the Base

- a. With a sponge, dab light blue and white paint across the lower third of the page, blending the colours softly so the mist creeps upward into the mountains.

- b. Allow to dry fully before moving on to the next step.

7. Paint Foothills

- a. Below the mist, use black paint and the large brush to paint two-inch thick rolling foothills. Add four or five bumps going across the page and fill them in with black paint.
- b. Allow to dry fully before moving on to the next step.

8. Add Snow to the Foothills

- a. Use the sponge with light blue and white paint to add snowy highlights. Follow the curves of the foothills with the paint, pulling the sponge downward slightly to look like snowdrifts.

9. Create a Snowstorm

- a. Dip the medium brush in white paint and hold it above your paper, tapping it with your finger to scatter paint across your paper to look like falling snow.
- b. Cover both the sky and the mountains with lots of snowflakes for a snowstorm effect.
- c. Allow to dry fully before moving on to the next step.

10. Sign Your Name

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

Complete!