



Tuscan Spring Forest

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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 bright, beautiful sunset scene filled with smooth rainbow skies, rolling green hills, and tall magical trees. This fun painting lets you blend vibrant colours and add cheerful flowers to make your own stunning landscape.

Materials Needed:

- Oil pastels in a large variety of colours
- Acrylic paint in brown, dark green, light green, orange, yellow, and purple
- Small to medium round brush
- Black permanent marker
- Paint palette
- Paper towel
- Water

Difficulty Level: Grade 3-5

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

S-071 Tuscan Spring Forest Art Project Instructions:

1. Prepare Your Art Sheet Paper

- 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 as listed.

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. Sketch the Hill

- a. With a light yellow oil pastel, draw a bell-shaped curve that starts at the bottom third of the page, goes up to the center, and comes back down on the other side.

4. Colour the Sky

- a. Using oil pastels in this order—medium blue, light blue, lavender, magenta, hot pink, light pink, medium orange, dark yellow, and light yellow—draw even horizontal sections down the page until you reach the hill.

5. Blend the Sky

- a. Wrap a piece of paper towel around your finger and blend the colours together side to side across the page. Blend the pastel into the paper until smooth.
- b. Switch to a clean piece when too much colour builds up on the paper towel.

6. Colour the Hills

- a. With a dark green pastel, outline the top hill and draw a second hill about halfway down the page. Draw two bumps with a dip in the middle.
- b. Colour the top of both hills dark green, the middle medium green, and the bottom light green.

7. Blend the Hills

- a. Wrap a piece of paper towel around your finger and blend the green hill colours together horizontally across the page. Blend the pastel into the paper until smooth but be careful not to blend the green into the yellow sky.
- b. Change to a new piece when there is too much colour buildup on the paper towel.

8. Paint the Sun

- a. With orange paint, make and fill in a semi-circle about two inches wide on the right side of the top hill.
- b. Once the paint is dry, add a second coat if necessary.
- c. Allow to dry before moving on.

9. Paint the Trees

- a. With brown paint, create five tall trees that alternate between the top hill and the bottom hill. Start with the farthest left tree on the top hill.
- b. Paint a flared base on the hill, then continue the trunk upward in a half-inch thick line to the top of the sky.
- c. Once the paint is dry, add a second layer if necessary.
- d. Allow to dry before moving on.

10. Paint the Leaves

- a. With dark green paint, dab (stipple) the brush to add leaves to the top halves of the trees. Leave some spaces between leaf clusters and between trees so the sky shows through.
- b. Allow to dry before moving on to the next step.

11. Highlight the Leaves

- a. With the light green paint, create the same leaves overtop of the dark green paint. Leave room for the dark green to show through and space between leaf clusters so the sky shows through.
- b. Allow to dry before moving on.

12. Paint Purple Flowers

- a. With the purple paint, create small flowers on the grass. Paint messy, random dots across the hills, leaving room for two other flower colours.
- b. Allow to dry before moving on.

13. Paint Orange Flowers

- a. With the orange paint, create small flowers on the grass. Paint messy, random dots across the hills, leaving room for one more flower colour.
- b. Allow to dry before moving on.

14. Paint Yellow Flowers

- a. With the yellow paint, create small flowers on the grass. Paint messy, random dots across the hills. This is the last colour flower, so fill in any empty spaces.
- b. Allow to dry before moving on.

15. Sign Your Name

- a. With any dark pastel, sign your name on the top of the bottom hill under one of the trees.
- b. Don't sign your name too close to the black border, or it might get cut off!

Complete!