

Explorations  
Visual and Performing Arts  
Grade k-1



## WINTER WONDERLAND SNOW COVERED TREES

\*Grades 3-5, \*Grades 6-8, \*K-2, \*Preschool, Drawing, Painting, Winter

Students will learn how to paint snow covered trees as they create winter wonderland paintings.

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## **OBJECTIVES:**

- Instruction on the structure of trees.
- Emphasis on how the tree gets smaller as it grows and branches and twigs.
- Observation of how snow sets on branches.

## **WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Variety of colored construction papers in shades of blue.
- Assorted brown crayons.
- White tempera
- White glitter
- Paint brushes

## **WHAT YOU DO:**

If possible, take students outside after a snowfall to observe how the snow sits on the upper side of the tree branches. Students should also observe how the tree is thick at the base (their own legs and stomachs), divides into smaller branches (like their arms), and then split again into smaller twigs (their fingers).

1. Have students choose a shade of blue paper for their background.
2. Students draw trees on their blue paper starting at the bottom of the tree.
  - Use a brown crayon and press hard.
  - Make the branches reach towards the sky.
  - Make sure that branches get smaller as they divide.
  - Select another shade of brown crayon and layer it over the first brown. (Gives the tree a sense of texture)
3. Use thick white tempera to paint snow on the top-side of the branches.
4. Add snow to the ground, around the tree.

5. You may use an old toothbrush dipped in white paint to spatter snowflakes on the background.
6. Quickly sprinkle white glitter on the wet tempera paint to make the “snow” glisten.



