

# Art Project Plan

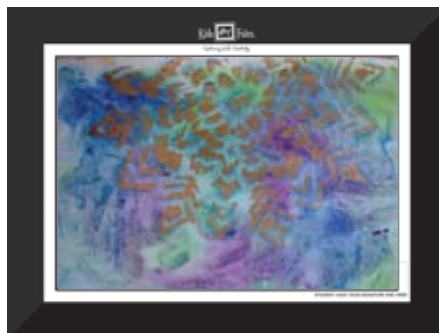
# Snowflakes

Based on the art of Lane Twitchell

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Time: Three lessons, 45 minutes each

## Project:

1. Introduce students to the American artist, Lane Twitchell.
2. Instruct students to paint a watercolor background onto KidsArt Fairs paper using a palette of either warm or cool colors.
3. While the paint is still wet, have students create a wet-on-wet background by slightly crumpling plastic wrap and pressing it onto the wet painting. Several pieces may be needed to cover the painting. This will create an interesting textural design on the work.
4. Leave the plastic wrap on the painting at least 15 minutes or until the paint dries so that it will leave a pleasing texture. When the painting is dry, remove the plastic wrap. Plastic wrap can be reused.
5. Using a sheet of plain white paper, show students how to cut a paper "snowflake." Have students cut at least two or more and then choose their best two that have the most interesting negative spaces.
6. Have students use one of the snowflakes as a stencil by placing a portion of it onto the painting and using metallic poster paint and a chubby brush to stencil some of the negative space designs (holes) onto the watercolor background.



## Artist Bio:

Lane Twitchell was born in 1967 in Salt Lake City, UT. He received his BFA from the University of Utah in 1993 and his MFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City in 1995. He is a contemporary visual artist who lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. He creates large-scale, vividly-colored paintings from intricately folded and cut paper. For more information and samples of his work, visit: [www.lanetwitchell.com](http://www.lanetwitchell.com)

## Materials:

(see recommendations on next page)

- KidsArt Fairs paper
- 9" x 12" white paper
- Brushes
- Water containers
- Plastic wrap
- Watercolors
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Gold washable glitter glue
- Metallic poster paint set
- Scissors

## Objective:

Approaching the blank paper with no preconceptions as to the final image and working quickly without revision, students will create an improvisational mixed media collage using a watercolor background and cut paper "snowflake" inspired by the work of Lane Twitchell.

**Purpose:** Students will experience improvisation as a tool to develop their creative skills through the use of multiple media. They will reinforce good design and technical skills.