

Art Project Plan

Tissue Landscapes



"One of my favorite projects because it is very easy, inexpensive, and looks terrific." – Kristi Schurr, Art Teacher

Time: One to two 30-45 minute sessions, depending on skill of students

Project:

Dilute white craft glue with water (more water than glue) ahead of time and place in bowls for students.

1. Explain the art activity to the group. They will create a landscape piece of art featuring the campground. It will include drawing the scene, tearing tissue paper, and then adhering it to the paper with a mixture of glue and water. The final piece should give the viewer an "impression" of the landscape, not necessarily all the details.
2. Take your group outside, with paper canvases and pencils, to scout out different locations for the landscape art. Select an area where a few different vantage points are available to children. (Examples are stand of trees, lake view, cabins, and trails.)
3. Remind children not to focus on the very small details of the scene. They should focus on the "impression" the scene creates. Ask them to squint and observe the scene – they should see large areas of different colors and shapes.



Objective:

Create an impression of a landscape using tissue paper

Materials:

- Pencils
- KidsArt Fairs paper canvases
- Tissue paper (different colors)
- Safety scissors
- White craft glue
- Water
- Bowls
- Large paint brushes

Note:

Some tissue paper bleeds and is desirable in a work of art. Decide if you would like to use bleeding or non-bleeding tissue paper first before purchasing. The results are very different.

Tips:

- Tissue paper must be completely dry before it can be drawn on with a pencil. Pencil lines cannot be erased from tissue paper.
- Torn construction paper works well for trees.

Extension:

Kids can also create their "Campscares" with torn construction paper, pastels, oil pastels, or tempera paint.

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Project continued:

4. Tell children to sketch their scenes with dark pencil lines.
5. After returning indoors, demonstrate how to use the prepared glue and water mixture. Place a piece of tissue paper on the canvas and brush the glue and water mixture across it. Continue demonstrating with different colors.
6. Ask children to fill in their sketches with tissue paper, starting from the top of the page. Young children should create their pieces in layers. (For example, cover the entire canvas with blue tissue for sky. Overlap blue with the green grass. Then add brown trees.) Older children may fill in separate areas of sketch with tissue and mixture, without layering.
7. Tell children to tear long strips of tissue paper for the first layer of their art or area they want to cover.
8. Ask group to place their strips of tissue on the canvas and then lightly brush glue and water mixture across them.
9. Assist children as they fill in areas or build layers. If pencil lines are covered by many layers of tissue, new pencil lines may be added once that layer of tissue dries.

Allow enough time for group to share their artwork, discussing how they used color to create an impression of a landscape.



Tissue paper
on KidsArt Fairs paper canvas in
gallery-style frame.



Torn construction paper on
KidsArt Fairs paper canvas in
gallery-style frame.



Pastels on
KidsArt Fairs paper canvas in
gallery-style frame.

