

Snowy Holiday Painting



Get in the holiday spirit and create an easy winter scene in acrylic paints. Add whatever holiday wish you have on the bottom and display it or give it away.

This project teaches some very basic painting skills and may inspire you or your students to learn this new medium.

For ages 6 and up.



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Supplies:

- Small canvas or piece of illustration board, about 4" x 6" *
- #4 brush
- Acrylic paints: blue, white and green
- White glue
- Silver glitter
- Old toothbrush
- Newspaper
- Red marker

* You may use watercolor paper if you tape it down first.

Directions:

TIP: Use a blow dryer between steps to speed up drying time.



1. Lay out some newspaper on a table before starting, to protect the table.

2. Paint the entire surface of the canvas, board or watercolor paper with blue paint. It need not be solidly colored. This will give an antique effect. Allow to dry completely.



3. Paint a white hill as shown. (The blue background will show through a little. That's okay!) Allow to dry.



4. Paint in three pine trees as shown. Use quick brushstrokes that start in the center and flare outward. Allow to dry.



5. Add dabs of white onto the branches of the pine trees to indicate snow. Allow to dry.



6. Thin some of the white paint with a little water. Dip the toothbrush into it and spatter the paint all over the picture by dragging your thumbnail across the bristles.

(You should practice this step first on a piece of scrap paper!)



7. "Draw" a large star in the top right corner with the white glue. Add a few dots of glue over the sky.

8. Sprinkle the glued areas with silver glitter and shake off the excess.



9. Write a holiday greeting on the bottom with a red marker. Suggestions:

- *Merry Christmas*
- *Silent Night*
- *Happy Holidays*
- *Peace on Earth*