

# LAWREN HARRIS & ABSTRACTED LANDSCAPE COLLAGE

## STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS



Gather the following materials:

- Heavy paper or illustration board
- Scrap paper (tissue paper, extra fabric, magazine clippings or newspaper)
- Pencil
- Glue (stick or liquid)
- Eraser
- Paint (acrylic, watercolour or ink)
- Paintbrush
- Crayons (wax or oil pastel)
- Water container
- Scissors

## STEP 2: PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS

Once you have collected all of your materials, take some time to cut and rip out some oddly shaped pieces of scrap paper.

Try adding colours and designs to some sheets of plain paper. You can do this with acrylic or watercolour paints, or crayons. Once your paper is dry, rip or cut each sheet into shapes. This will allow you to have greater variety in colour later on.



### STEP 3: DRAW THE COMPOSITION

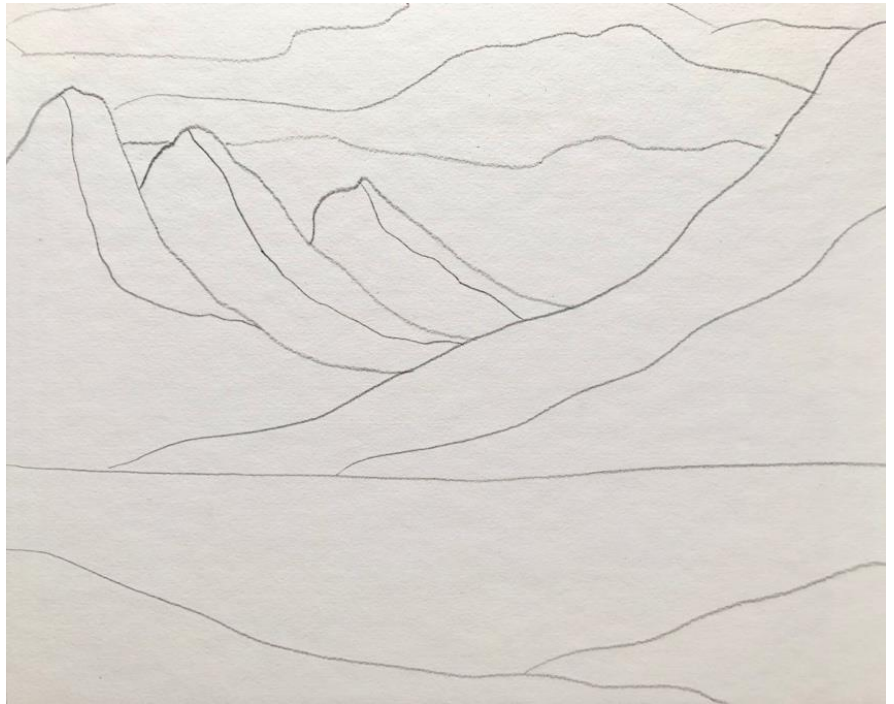
Lightly sketch out a simple composition of the landscape.

Add a foreground, middle ground and background while keeping in mind the simplified geometric shapes used by Lawren Harris.

Try to draw inspiration from a place that you have travelled to or a place you wish to go!

Remember that this drawing should be very simple and should not feature much detail.

**TIP:** Draw lightly with your pencil so that it is easy to erase if you make a mistake!



### STEP 4: ADD COLOUR

Once you are happy with your sketch, if you like, you can block out some areas with colour using crayons. This will help you with the next step.

To do this, ask yourself what colour your sky will be. Is the water blue? Remember to consider the season in your picture and choose colours appropriately.

Your collage will be layered on top of this drawing, so don't worry about adding too much detail.



## STEP 5: ADD YOUR SCRAPS

Begin to glue your cut pieces of paper onto your background. You may need to adjust the sizes of the scraps as you go—be creative with this step and take your time.

Feel free to add additional layers of paper to give your artwork more texture. Have fun with your colour choices!



**TIP:** Leave some of your underpainting showing through and don't create all the fine details with paper collage—you will add those in the final step!

## STEP 6: ADD DETAIL

When you are comfortable with your collage, you can begin to add some finer details using paint, crayons, or pastels!

You might choose to add:

- Trees and bushes
- Highlights and shadows
- Anything else you can imagine!

### CHALLENGE YOURSELF:

Create another collage landscape with other objects. Experiment with various items, using whatever you find around the house—string, beads, sand, rice or other material—and see how it affects your final artwork. Remember to ask your parent or guardian for permission before using the items you find!



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