

LAKE OF SHAPES

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

Gather the following materials:



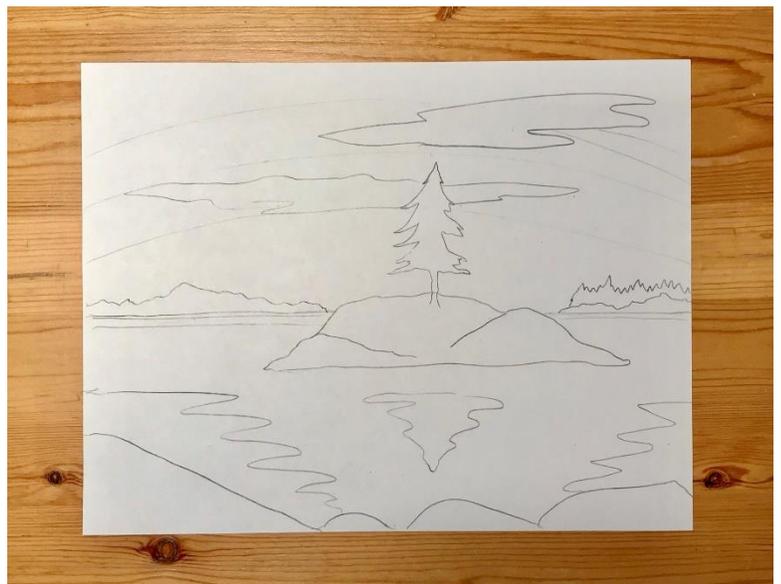
- Mixed media or any heavy weight paper or a board of any size
- Tissue paper of varying colours
- Construction paper or pages from magazines
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- White glue

** Feel free to be creative and use anything you find around the house. Be sure to ask your parent or guardian for permission first!*

STEP 2: SKETCH OUT YOUR COMPOSITION

Picture your favourite place or create a fantasy island with your imagination. Using a pencil, sketch out an outline of each of the shapes you see or envision in the place on your paper.

It doesn't have to be perfect, since you're going to cover these shapes with other materials next!

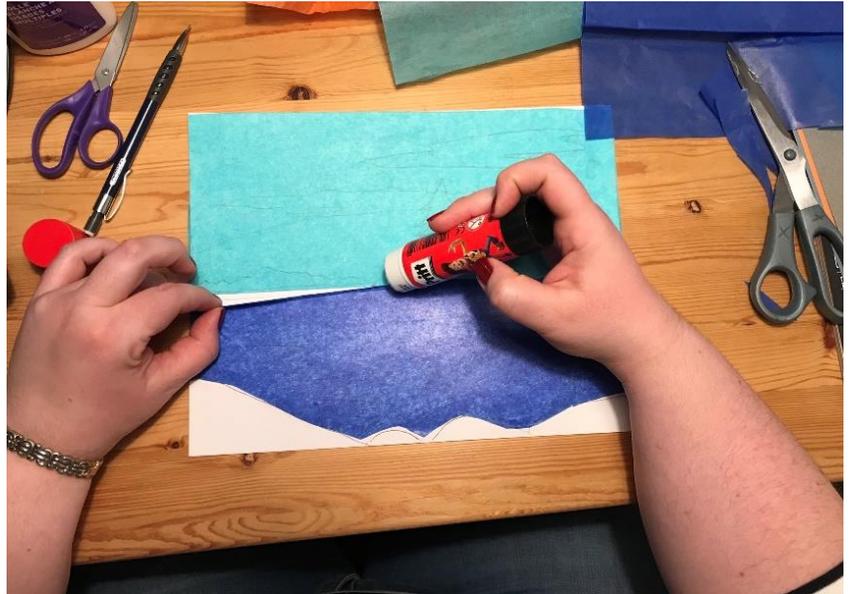


STEP 3: BEGIN BUILDING YOUR LANDSCAPE COLLAGE

Rip apart your tissue paper, magazine pages or construction paper to create shapes that you'll use to create the collage landscape.

Glue your shapes onto your board/paper from back to front—see diagram.

TIP: It may be easier to apply glue to your background (board/paper) instead of to your shapes.



Since the sky is behind the island, I will glue the sky to the background first.

STEP 4: FILL IN YOUR SPACES WITH SHAPES

Continue adding different shapes to your collage until you've filled up the space. If you want an object to appear closer to you, add that shape last and make it a little bigger!

TIP: Be sure to smooth and press down all your shapes so that they stick.



STEP 5: CREATE SOME TEXTURE

If you are using tissue paper, remember that it is transparent, so you will see the layer(s) underneath as well! Scrunch and bunch up your tissue paper to create texture on top of your construction paper.

Once you are happy with the image, let your composition dry. You are all finished!

TIP: It is easier to use a small squirt of white glue rather than a glue stick to glue down bunches of tissue paper.



STEP 6: DISPLAY YOUR ART PROUDLY

CHALLENGE YOURSELF:

Challenge yourself by adding more details and texture to your composition. You can try to layer delicate details on top of more general ones. If you find this too difficult, draw the shapes you would like and ask an adult to help you create them.



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