

ONCE UPON A BLUE MOON

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE YOUR MATERIALS



Gather the following materials:

- Black construction paper
- Pencil crayons and/or pastels
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Optional: paper-safe tape (painter's tape or masking tape are great options)

Optional step: Use the paper-safe tape to create a border around your paper. This will help keep your sketch neat and organized!

SAFETY TIP: Be sure to ask your parent/guardian for permission and help when handling scissors.

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR SCENE

Find a nighttime landscape of your choice to sketch. You can use a photograph or your memory as a reference, and feel free to use your imagination! Find a comfortable workspace to create your sketch .

STEP 3: CREATE A ROUGH SKETCH

Begin sketching a foreground, middle ground, and background while keeping the following in mind:

- Objects in the foreground (the area on the bottom of the paper) are closer to you, so be sure to draw them larger
- Objects in the background (the area near the top of the paper) are further away (think about a bird in the sky), so be sure to draw them smaller

Your sketch should be very simple (just a basic outline) and does not require too much detail.



TIP: Press lightly on your pencil while you are sketching your outline but be sure to make your lines dark enough so that you can see them on the black paper.

STEP 4: ADD COLOUR

With this step, we are going to start bringing your drawing to life with the addition of colour! Begin by adding softer colours in the background and work your way up to more opaque colours as you move closer to the foreground or a light source (e.g. the moon or a lantern). Feel free to mix and overlap colours to create unique, custom colours. Your imagination is the limit!

TIP: Test your colours on a separate piece of paper—lighter pencil crayons (such as white, yellow, or orange) appear brighter on black paper while darker ones are less visible.



STEP 5: CREATE YOUR HALLOWEEN ELEMENT

Choose your favourite Halloween element (maybe a witch, jack-o'-lantern, scary monster or ghost) and draw it on a separate piece of black paper.



STEP 6: ADD YOUR HALLOWEEN ELEMENT TO YOUR LANDSCAPE

Using the scissors, carefully cut out your newly created spooky element. Move it around on your scene before affixing it to your landscape. When you are satisfied with the placement, glue it onto your nighttime scene.



STEP 7: REMOVE THE TAPE AND ADMIRE YOUR FINAL SCENE!

Carefully remove the tape around the edges of your drawing and admire your work!



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