

“Winter Houses”

Art Form: Painting

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School Level: Early Elementary

Grade Level: Second Grade

Assignment: The students will create a painting of three houses during the winter. The students will learn about foreground, middle ground, and background.

Length of Time: Three 30 minute class periods.

Materials Needed: 12”x18” sky blue construction paper, sharpie markers, tempera paint, sponges or stumpy brushes, chalk (optional).

Vocabulary: Foreground, middle ground, background

Sequence:

Day 1-Drawing the houses and trees. Students draw three hills that are overlapping. On the bottom hill (foreground), they draw a large detailed house. On the middle hill (middle ground), they draw a smaller, less detailed house. On the highest hill (background), they draw the smallest house with the least amount of details. One three is drawn next to each house.

Day 2-Painting. The students first paint the front and roofs of all the houses. While those dry, they can paint the trees with no leaves. Then they start painting the chimneys, windows, and doors.

Day 3-Continue painting. Finish painting details on houses. Then the students fill in the sky with stripes of cool colored paint.

Day 4-Snow. Use white paint and sponges to dab snow onto the hills. Use brush to paint snow on top of roofs and bottom of windows, as well as snow flakes.

Day 4-Tracing. Use Sharpie markers to trace all of the houses. Students can use white and gray chalk to add smoke coming from their chimneys (optional).

Criteria & Assessment: Did the students exhibit good craftsmanship? Did the students understand foreground, middle ground, and background?