

Teach art principles & feel free to adapt this to you — creativity is encouraged for both teachers & students.



Desert Silhouette Landscape

Ages: 5–16

Materials:

- Canvas
- Acrylic paint
- Brushes
- Pencil

Art Techniques:

- Gradient Blending
- Silhouette Painting
- Brush Flicking Technique

Art Principles:

- Color
- Space
- Contrast

Instructions:

1. Sketch the landscape horizon and major shapes.
2. Paint a gradient sunset sky using cool tones at the top and warm tones at the bottom. Colors should follow the color wheel. Paint the gradient all the way to the bottom of the canvas.
3. Once dry, use a detail brush to paint cactus, hills, and a howling coyote in black. Mix 1 sky color into the black to make it look more realistic. (not too much)
4. Add the moon. Add stars with white paint using a toothbrush or paintbrush (brush flicking technique).