

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



Simple Autum Landscape

Ages: 5-12

Materials: Pencil, Sharpie, Watercolor, brushes, water, paper towels.

Which art principle(s) or technique(s) does this lesson teach?

- Depth
- Foreground/ Middle Ground/ Background
- Overlapping
- Color
- Charging
- Shapes

Instructions for teacher:

1. Draw the landscape with a pencil, start with the hills and trees and bushes closest to you and then move up the page, to the next hill and the next etc..
2. Ways to achieve space – Overlapping, scale of repeated items getting smaller in background, Height on page, going off edge of paper etc.
3. Outline your drawing with sharpie
4. Control the water flow - Use a water wash on the current shape and then add color, repeat! Work one shape at a time.
5. Variations in color - the middle hill is blue green and the back hill is yellow green etc.
6. Do all the greens and cool colors first and then go back and do your warm colors so they don't run together
7. Charging is a wet-on-wet technique where you drop one wet color into another wet color. Its great way to do the leaves in the trees and bushes.