

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



Northern Lights

Ages: 5-12

Materials

• watercolor paper, watercolors, pencils, ultra fine point sharpie, salt

Art Techniques

- Wet into wet
- perspective

Art Principles

- Form
- Balance
- Movement/ Rhythm

Instructions

- Guide the students in drawing a line across the paper about halfway horizontally. Draw the mountains, with the left side of them in straight lines, and the edges next to that as small wavy and jagged lines.
 Add some small, jagged lines at the top of the mountains running diagonally. Next, draw fine lines close together on the left side of the mountains to create a slight 3D effect.
- 2. Draw a wide wavy line starting underneath the mountains that ends at the bottom of the paper.
- 3. Draw some small pine trees starting at the base of the mountain. Draw 3 or 4 more bigger ones along the wavy line.
- 4. Draw a line barely underneath the wavy line to create a ridge or crack in the show. Draw small vertical lines in that small crack. Color in light blue.
- 5. Use an ultra-fine point black marker to trace over all the pencil drawing.
- 6. Next, choose blues, greens, purples and pinks for the northern lights sky.
- 7. Instruct students to dampen the sky area with clear water, then add some touches of color to blend together. If they wish, they can sprinkle salt onto the sky and let dry.