



arttails

by MONET MOUSE

“September days are here, with summer’s best of wealth and autumn’s best of cheer.”
—Helen Hunt Jackson

Monet Mouse walks outside. He sees some things are the same and some things are different. Summer is changing into autumn. Artists call the view of the land or countryside a **landscape**. The autumn landscape is wearing new colors. Monet draws a line across his paper. It is a **horizon line**. Above the line is the sky. Below the line is the land. Maybe he will add a colorful forest on the horizon line. An autumn forest. Will you?

MONET MOUSE'S ARTRECIPE

Watercolor Autumn Landscape

Ingredients:

- Watercolor paper cut into small pieces, 5"x5", 4"x6", 5"x7"
- Watercolors
- Water cup
- Watercolor brush
- Watercolor crayons
- 6H pencil

- ★ Write your name on the back of the paper and wet it with water to keep the paper from curling as you paint.
- ★ Flip the paper over and draw a horizon line. (Where the sky meets the land.)
- ★ Above the horizon line, wet the paper with water.
- ★ Dip a brush in blue paint to paint a blue sky. Pull the brush across the wet watery sky area. One stroke and then another. Let some of the paper show through. Fluffy white and light blue clouds will appear.
- ★ Rinse the brush.
- ★ Beneath the horizon line, wet the paper with water.
- ★ Paint darker green strokes at the bottom of the paper and lighter strokes near the horizon line.
- ★ Rinse the brush.
- ★ While the paint is still wet, draw tiny lines with the 6H pencil that look like grass.

- ★ What are the colors of leaves in autumn? Find water color crayons that match.
- ★ Dot and dash the colors along the horizon line. Take turns with them. Is it an autumn forest in the distance?
- ★ Wet the watercolor crayon drawing on your paper with a little water. How does just a little bit of water change the watercolor crayons?



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Sandpaper Autumn Landscape

Ingredients:

- 3M (100 Medium) General Purpose Sandpaper, 9" x 11" cut into approximately 3" x 3.5" pieces
- Assorted colorful crayons, preferably Crayola
- Assorted colorful oil pastels

Crayon and oil pastel on sandpaper is a dotty way to draw! It reminds Monet Mouse of pointillism, painting with hundreds and hundreds of small dots and dashes of color side by side!

- ★ Pick a piece of sandpaper.
- ★ Wow! How does the paper feel?
- ★ Look at the pointillism painting by Georges Seurat.
- ★ What do you see?
- ★ What colors will you choose for the sky? Are there clouds? Birds flying high and low?
- ★ What colors will you choose for the leaves and trees?
- ★ What colors will you choose for the water?
- ★ Is there going to be a boat sailing? Fish swimming? Ducks splashing?
- ★ Draw on the sandpaper with the oil pastel and crayon. Do you think of a pointillism painting too? Ooo-la-la!

Look at a seascape painting by Georges Seurat. He was a painter who liked to paint with small dots of color that seemed to dance side by side. He used light colors next to dark colors to make shadow and light play.



Detail of a pointillism painting by Seurat.



Oil Pastel on Sandpaper



Crayon on Sandpaper