

Landscape and Polar Bear Painting – Grades 3-6

What You'll Need:

12" x 9" watercolor paper

12" x 9" White drawing paper

Black oil pastel or Black waterproof marker

Liquid watercolor paints in turquoise, purple, orange, blue, pink

Scissors and glue

Step One: Painting the Background



Start by drawing the lines for the mountains and hills. Use an oil pastel for younger students (so that the watercolor doesn't bleed together) to draw one line about 2" from the bottom. This is the first snow line.

Place pastel or crayon on one side of the paper and draw another line, this time connecting to the first line.

Draw 2-3 more lines and finally add 2-3 mountain ridges.

Timing Tip: Painting the background first gives you the chance to finish the entire project in one sitting.

Step Two: Painting the background



Dip paint brush in liquid watercolor paint and paint each section a different color.

Have some fun with the sky. Here are some questions to encourage a child to consider what he may like:

How would you paint the northern lights?

What kind of patterns do you see in the sky?

Imagine if the sky was filled with lines. What colors would they be? Would they be curvy or straight?

Step Three: Drawing the Polar Bear



Print out or refer to the drawing handout for the simple steps.

Start in the middle of the paper. Draw an oval and fill it in with the marker. Draw the mouth. Draw an oval shape around the mouth. Draw two dots for the eyes.

Place marker on the bottom edge of the paper and draw a hill over the nose area. That's the body! Now draw two big bear arms.

Step Four: Putting it all together



Cut out the bear and place it on the dry (or almost dry) watercolor background.

Glue in place.

Tip: If the background isn't fully dry, the paint will leech into the bear paper.

This is actually a pretty cool effect so if this happens to your student's art, celebrate it!

