

# How to Create a Desert Landscape – Grades 3-8

In this lesson, you will use cardboard cutouts to create a landscape design. You do not have to lay it out exactly as done here. You can flip the cardboard pieces and make things go in different directions. See some examples of that on page 4. You can use page 2 to cut out and trace the shapes on cardboard. An adult should probably cut them out with an Exacto Knife or Box Cutter.

**SUPPLIES:** White Paper, black marker or pencil, colored pencils, markers or crayons. Cardboard to make cutouts for tracing.

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Start by placing the lizard where you want it in the picture. Save the top half of the page for the mountain background. Trace it with pencil or marker.

Next, place the cactus somewhere in the bottom half of the page. Do not overlap the lizard.

Using the cardboard piece that has a pointy mountain shape, trace the top of the cardboard piece across the upper half of the page to create your Horizon.

Flip the cardboard upside down and make trace across it to create small hills of sand below the mountain line.

You can make more sand mounds flipping it sideways so the sand is not parallel to the first line across. If you have the paper in landscape orientation see page 3. You will need to go around the cactus and the lizard sooner.

Now, you are ready to color your picture. You are the artist so you can use any colors you want to make the sky, the mountains, the lizard and the cactus look fabulous. Have fun!





**Landscape Orientation**

