

Blog 1: Moonlight Painting - DIY!

Hi friends! Have you been looking for a great indoor activity for the weekends now that it is getting colder outside? Look no further- here is a step by step painting instruction of a beautiful moonlight. Now, before we begin, you may have a few questions.

Question: What supplies will I need?

Answer: Before we get started, bring out the following supplies:

- Canvas (any size will do!)
- 1 thick paintbrush
- 1 thin paintbrush
- Light-medium blue paint
- Dark blue paint
- Purple paint
- Black paint
- White paint
- Optional: grey or silver paint
- Sponge or crumpled up paper towel
- Cup of water



Question: Is this painting easy?

Answer: This painting is not too difficult- great for those who do not have a lot of painting experience. However, some of the finer details may be best shared with someone who can help! Feel free to grab a parent, sibling, support worker or someone else to help complete the painting.

Now let's get started!

Step 1: Take the thick paintbrush and paint thick lines of light-medium blue paint across the bottom of the canvas. You should paint several lines on top of each other!



Step 2: Clean the paintbrush in the cup of water. Take the thick paintbrush and paint thick lines of dark blue on top of the light-medium blue lines from step 1. The canvas should be filled about halfway!



Step 3: Take a sponge or a crumpled up piece of paper towel and dab it all across both the light-medium blue and the dark blue. Pay special attention to dabbing at the meeting place between the two colours, and hopefully they will blend together nicely!



Step 4: *Optional - Put some white paint on the bottom of the canvas where there is light-medium blue. Take a clean side of your sponge/paper towel and dab the white across the bottom to make the bottom even lighter.



Step 5: Clean the thick paintbrush in your cup of water. Paint thick lines of purple on top of the dark blue.



Step 6: Take a sponge or a crumpled up piece of paper towel and dab it all across both the purple and the dark blue. Pay special attention to dabbing at the meeting place between the two colours, and hopefully they will blend together nicely!



Step 7: Clean the thick paintbrush in your cup of water. Paint thick lines of black on top of the purple.



Step 8: Take a sponge or a crumpled up piece of paper towel and dab it all across both the black and the purple. Pay special attention to dabbing at the meeting place between the two colours, and hopefully they will blend together nicely!



Step 9: Wait for the paint to dry for 10 minutes. After that, it's time to make some trees! Take your thin paintbrush and paint a thin line. Don't worry if it's not perfect- trees aren't perfectly straight! Then take your brush and paint some branches! Get creative, they can look however you want.



Step 10: Time for some tree roots. From the bottom of your tree trunk, paint out some roots. Again- get creative, they can look however you want.



Step 11: Repeat steps 9-10 and make more trees. I painted 3 trees in total, but you can make as many or as little as you want.



Step 12: Let's make some grass. Use your thin paintbrush to make small lines all around the tree roots. I used black, and then cleaned my brush and used white, and then silver after that.



Step 13: Let's add a moon. Near the top of the canvas, drop a dollop of white paint in the center that is shaped like a circle. Then take your cleaned thin brush and paint it out to be an even bigger circle. The black of the background may blend a bit to make a cool white-grey color- that's awesome.



Step 14: If we have a moon, we need stars, too! Take the thin paintbrush and collect some white paint. Press down gently in spots all around the moon and top of the canvas.



Step 15: *Optional - You can leave your painting as it is, but if you want to add some leaves to your branches, dip your thin paintbrush in white paint. Press down on the branches gently with some white and/or silver paint to add leaves.



There you have it! A beautiful moonlit forest painting! Where will you put yours? I hope you had a lot of fun creating this masterpiece. Thanks for joining me on this adventure.

-Brooke

