

ACTIVITY

Scrap Paper Scenery

Suitable for children aged 9 and above

Look at this scene painted by artist Wyn-Lyn Tan. Is it a snowy landscape? Is it a lake surrounded by mountains? Is it sunrise or sunset? It could be any of it, depending on your imagination.



© Wyn-Lyn Tan

Let's try making a landscape like this using ripped pieces of paper. Here's what you need:

- Construction paper
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Decide on a landscape you want to create. Choose the colours you will use. If you are inspired by Wyn-Lyn's landscape, you'll be using shades of blue, dark brown, white and maybe a little yellow.

2. Choose a piece of construction paper for the sky. (This piece of paper will be the “canvas” on which you’ll glue all the other pieces.)

3. Tear a strip of paper for the white part of the sky. Make sure it is the same width as the background. Keep the edges irregular for texture and shape. Place it a few centimetres from the top of the blue paper, leaving enough blue for the sky.

4. Tear a thin strip of dark brown or black with jagged edges to create mountains and valleys. Hold it below the white strip.

5. Tear a darker blue strip for the lake and strips of pale blue and white for the water. Place and position the papers wherever you like. When you are satisfied, glue them down.

6. Tear small pieces to make trees in the distance, or use chalk or pastels to draw them in.

Note: Use this technique and try making different scenery using different colours. Try making desert or jungle scenes, and maybe even city skylines. You could use old magazine pages for this project too. Make sure all your strips of paper are the same width as your background “canvas.”