

Zara's Patterns: Inspired by Impressionism

Learning objective: To explore the style of Impressionist artists by using short, visible brushstrokes and light to create a garden scene.

Follow the steps below to create your own Impressionist-style painting. Remember, Impressionists focused on capturing the 'feeling' of light and color rather than drawing perfect, sharp outlines.

Draw: Create a garden scene inspired by the Impressionist movement. Use short, thick, and visible marks of color to represent light hitting the grass and flowers. Focus on how the light changes the color of the objects. Do not use black to outline your shapes; instead, use darker shades of your main colors to create depth.



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Steps:

1. Step 1: Using your pencil, lightly sketch the horizon line across the middle of your page. Then, draw simple, rounded shapes for bushes or trees in the background.
2. Step 2: Instead of long, smooth lines, use short, quick dashes of color to fill in your sky and grass. Why do you think Impressionist artists preferred short brushstrokes instead of blending colors perfectly?
3. Step 3: Label the 'Foreground' (the parts closest to you) and the 'Background' (the parts furthest away) on your drawing.

4. Step 4: Choose two contrasting colors (e.g., yellow and purple) and place them side-by-side on your paper. How does this make the colors look brighter?
5. Step 5: Add a small, simple shape to represent a flower or a person in the foreground using only three or four thick strokes of paint or crayon.