Zara’s Art Studio: Learning from Impressionism

Learning objective: To explore the style of Impressionist artists by using short, visible brushstrokes and bright colours.

Follow the steps below to create your own painting in the style of an Impressionist artist. Use your pencil or coloured pencils to copy the techniques you see in the box.

Draw: Draw a sunny landscape scene. Use short, choppy lines or 'dashes' of colour rather than solid blocks. Focus on making the colours look bright and vibrant, just like a garden in the summer sunshine.

Label words: brushstroke · texture · vibrant · light · colour · shadow

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw the outline of a simple tree in the middle of your page. Use light pencil marks.
2. Step 2: Instead of colouring in smoothly, use lots of little 'dashes' of colour for the leaves. Why does this make the tree look bright?
3. Step 3: Label your drawing using three words from the word bank to describe your style.
4. Step 4: Draw a small sun in the corner. Use yellow and orange dashes to show the light shining.