

Exploring Our World: The Rainforest Biome

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate the different layers of a tropical rainforest biome.

Follow the steps below to draw a rainforest. Use your colored pencils to make it bright and green! Use the word bank to help you label your drawing.

Draw: Draw a large, colorful scene of a tropical rainforest. Use a landscape orientation. Start by drawing a giant tree in the center. Use dark green for the bottom, bright green for the middle, and light green for the top. Add some simple shapes for animals hiding in the leaves, like a small parrot or a monkey.



Label words: Canopy · Forest floor · Understory · Emergent layer

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a very tall tree that reaches the top of your page. Label the very top leaves the 'Emergent layer'.
2. Step 2: Draw thick branches and leaves near the top. Label this the 'Canopy'.
3. Step 3: Draw some smaller plants under the big trees. Label this the 'Understory'.
4. Step 4: Draw some leaves and roots on the ground. Label this the 'Forest floor'.