

Activity #11:

Paper Landscape Art

Creativity, Planning, Imagination, Elements of Art

(Preparation: 2 minutes / Activity Time: 10-20 minutes)

What Will You Need?

- 2 sheets of paper (any size, as long as both are approximately the same size)
- Paper clips
- Coloring Equipment: Markers, Crayons, Watercolor, Pastels - anything will work! (if using paints, a thicker paper may work better)

Instructions:

Paperclip one paper on top of the other, lining up the edges, and plan out what landscape you'd like to create. Will you make mountains and Valleys? Cliffs and Mesas? A tropical beach scene?

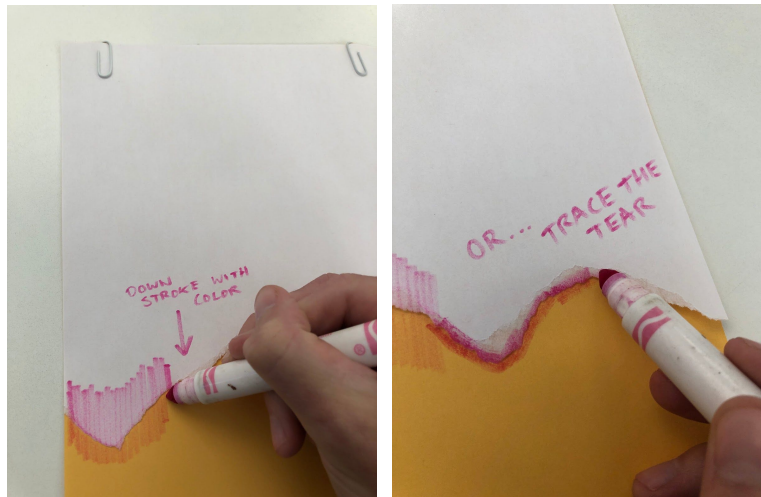
Imagine that you are standing and looking out at your landscape... What is the nearest thing to where you are standing in your landscape? That will go near the bottom of your artwork.

*ART ELEMENTS: By putting the nearest parts of your landscape near the bottom of your artwork in the foreground, and the farthest away parts near the top in the background, you create **SPACE**, which means that things appear closer or farther away.*

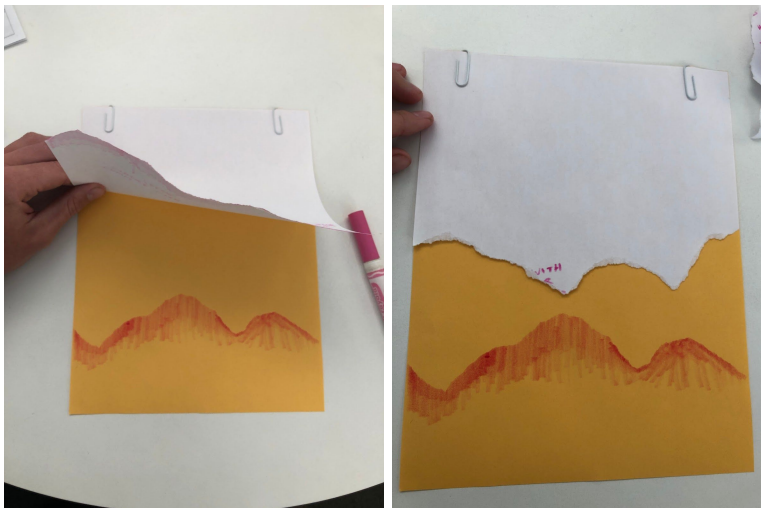
Once you have your idea, it is time to rip! Near the bottom of the page (remember, **SPACE**), **tear only the top piece of paper** from one side to the other in the shape you want - tearing the top paper makes a stencil for your foreground!



With the foreground stencil created, it's time to color beneath the torn line. Remember, draw or brush DOWN across where the papers meet, or trace along the ripped paper (Brushing or drawing UP might accidentally lift the stencil and make a mark above the foreground).



After coloring in your foreground, think about what's in the middle distance of your landscape and make another tear to create the middleground.



Color again, using the same downwards stroke technique as you did in the foreground, and when you are satisfied with the middleground part of your landscape, it's time for the background! Make another tear in the paper, and color in the background area.

Unclip the top sheet of paper, and marvel at your landscape! Feel free to color in the foreground, middleground, and background even more, or draw/paint houses, animals, people, clouds, and anything else you can think of. Maybe try cutting out or tearing other stencils you can use!

Have fun!