

First grade: April  
Lesson 6 :Van Gogh Inspired art Starry Night Sky  
Oil Pastel and Watercolor

Objective: To create a resist painting showing a night tree

**Set-up:**

Cover desks

8 ½ White card stock

Pencils

Black oil pastels

White oil pastels

**Set up a water color wash station:**

Cover table

Water colors: blue / violet (3-4 students at a time)

Large paint brushes

Paper towels

**Introductions:**

Introduce yourself and your art aides:

**Lesson:**

Vincent van Gogh was a famous painter born on March 30, 1853 in a region of the Netherlands. He was poor but he loved to paint. Although he was not famous during his life time he is considered one of the most influential Artist of his time. Many of his painting sell for millions of dollars today.

**Visuals:**

Show pic of Starry Night Sky

**Review:**

Pastel use and techniques:

**Holding and applying:** Hold your pastel sideways (not like a pencil or crayon),

Hold between thumb and forefinger. Press softly but firmly.

**Blocking:** Blocking, is filling in a space with color.

**Have students write their name or student # on the back of their project**

**Tree:**

Place card stock in portrait position

Have students sketch the outline of a tree.

Starting at the bottom of the page (remind students to not press hard with their pencils to press very lightly when making a sketch.

Once sketch is completed use black pastel oils fill in the tree trunk and branches.

**Stars:**

Have students very lightly with a pencil draw small dots for stars

Cover pencil dots with the white oil pastel

**Background / sky: Water color wash station:**

After tree and stars have been filled in with oil pastel,

In large strokes paint entire picture with a combination of blue and violet water colors.

Collect paintings ask the teacher where to store them.

**Clean up:**

Sharpen pencils

Rinse and dry brushes (bristles up)

Return all materials to art room



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Night Sky  
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