

Forest Scene

(Grade 2 Print: “The Harvesters” by Brueghel)

Curriculum Connection: Science and Math

Art Concept: Near and far perspectives, color to create pattern, geometric shapes (EALRS grade 2 # 1.11, 1.1.2, 1.2)

Grade: 2 and up

Materials:

White construction paper (9x12 inches)

Colored construction paper (12x18 inches)

Lavender, light green, light blue, turquoise and dark green tissue paper (6x6 inches)

Patterns of the following shapes (ovals, circles, triangles, cones and rectangles)

Elmer’s Glue (thinned with water slightly)

Large paintbrushes or small sponges

Scissors

Glue

Newspaper (to protect desks)

Procedures:

1. Discuss with students the following types of shapes: ovals, circles, triangles, rectangles and cones. Explain that they will be cutting out these types of shapes from the tissue paper. It is important to stress to students that they must cut the right type of shape out of the right color of tissue paper.

2. Have students trace and cut the following shapes out of tissue paper: Large ovals/light blue; circles/turquoise; large triangles/lavender; cone shapes/dark green; long rectangles/light green. Make sure they cut several of each.
3. Cover entire surface of the white paper with a coat of liquid starch, using paintbrushes.
4. Apply the shapes to the white paper in the following sequence, covering each piece of tissue paper with liquid starch, overlapping pieces (some shapes will run over sides of the paper, just trim these off): a) Light blue as the sky on top half of paper b) light green as grass on lower half of paper c) lavender as mountains separating sky from grass d) dark green as trees on lower half of paper e) turquoise as lake on lower center of paper.
5. Let dry and mount on colored construction paper and trim to create frame.

