








# MIXED MEDIA LANDSCAPE

## The inspiration:

This art project is inspired by the *Miles Art Awards 2020*.

This is a BIG art event that happens at Tauranga Art Gallery every 2 years! Artists in the Bay of Plenty can enter an artwork then 40 finalists are selected to have their work on display at the gallery. The painting in the picture above is by one of the finalists, Heather Perring. Heather's artwork is called *King of the Mountain* and is a landscape.

## What you will need:

-  Different wet media mixtures \*
-  Variety of painting tools\*
-  Different kinds of paper \*
-  Pencil
-  Crayons
-  Scissors
-  Glue

\* For different paint, paper and painting tool options check out the *At Home Materials* lists! More ideas in the steps below.

## Interesting fact!

In the Miles Art Awards there are all different kinds of artworks! You might see paintings, photographs, sculptures (3D art), drawings or even artists who have used **mixed media**.

# Get ready to make some art!

## Step 1

Kids, please ask an adult for help with this part 😊 Have a go at mixing any colour of paint you have with a bit of water, shaving foam, or try adding sand/crushed shells if that's an option. Experiment with making home-made dyes from food colouring mixed with water. Cooled coffee or tea are great wet mediums too! Aim to have 4 or 5 different kinds of wet media mixtures. Check out the *At Home Painting Materials* lists for more ideas!



## Step 2

Once you have your mixtures it's time to paint! You don't need fancy art paper for this. Try painting on cardboard, baking paper, tinfoil, thick and thin paper. Try painting with a sponge or with an old toothbrush to create an interesting texture. Scoop paint out and use a tool like a toothpick or skewer and draw marks into the wet paint. Draw lines or shapes with a crayon and then paint over with dye, watercolours, cold tea or coffee. Experiment and have fun!

### FANCY ART WORD!

*Mixed Media* is a fancy way to describe an artwork that has been made with a mixture of art materials such as paint, pencils and pens

## Step 3

Leave your painted pieces in a safe space to dry. While this is happening, think about what your landscape might look like; will there be hills, houses, trees, mountains, sea, sky? What is the weather like? Is it day or night? You might like to draw a plan. Once your painted pieces are dry find a surface or sheet of paper big enough to be the background to your landscape. You will also need a pencil, glue and scissors.



## Step 4

Once your *mixed media* pieces are dry, start drawing the shapes which make up your landscape e.g. hills, waves. Cut the shapes out with scissors and lay the parts to your landscape on your background. Some of the shapes may overlap which will create depth. Once you are happy with the design glue the shapes onto the background. Options: you could always use wrapping paper, newspaper or draw parts to your landscape.



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