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Winter Birch Trees

What You Need:

- Watercolor Paper
- Painter's Masking Tape (1" width)
- Scissors
- Watercolor Paint (winter colors)
- Table Salt
- Fine-Tip Black Marker
- Small Paint Brush
- Acrylic Paint

Directions:

- Tape a border around the edge of a square of watercolor paper with 1" painter's masking tape. Cut thick and thin strips for trees that touch the top and the bottom of the border. These strips should be hand-cut for a natural look. Branches may be added, along with a moon. Smooth down all tape edges.
- Water-down dark blue watercolor paint and spread over the entire picture. To add texture, sprinkle salt on the paint while still wet. Let dry for several hours. Rub the salt off the picture and carefully peel off the tape. To add little snowflakes, paint white dots with a small brush and acrylic paint. If any of the paint leaked into the trees, you can also use this paint to cover up those spots.
- With a fine-tip black marker, create edges on the left and right of the trees and branches and add a shadow stripe on the same side of all the trees and branches.

This Winter Birch Trees project uses tape to block off the tree shapes, and watercolor paint and salt to make the textured midnight sky. This activity encourages self-expression, as well as following directions.

All activities should be supervised by an adult.

