



ARTS PLUS

# PAL at Home

Preschool Art Lab activities for families to make together

## “Painting Like Monet”

This activity is appropriate for ages 3 and up

Time from start to finish = 15-30 minutes

You will need the following materials:

- Paper (thicker paper recommended)
- Painters’ tape
- Watercolor or acrylic paint
- Paint brushes or paint sponges
- Paint palette (a paper plate works well)

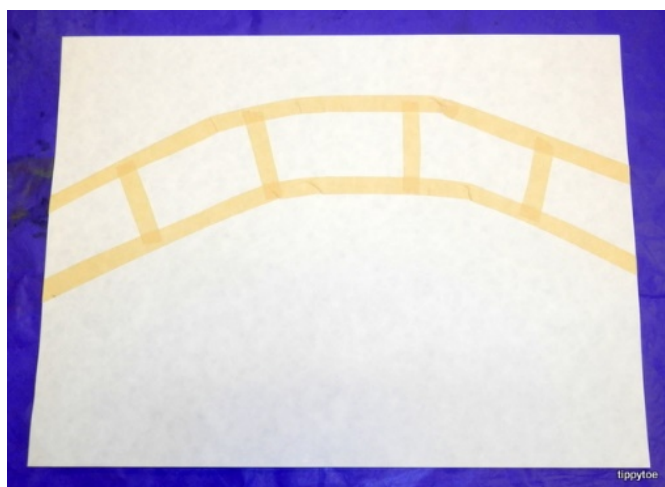
### Brief project description:

Create your very own Monet inspired work of art!



## Steps

- #1: Parents, use the painter’s tape to create a simple bridge design at the top of the paper.



- **#2:** Set up your child's paint palette. Give them a limited palette of cool colors: blues, greens and purples. Look up images of Monet's garden paintings and share them with your child. Pay special attention to the cool colors that Monet uses and how his brush strokes blend together.
- **#3:** Now it's time to paint! Encourage your child to completely cover the paper, including paint over the tape. Allow them to blend and swirl the colors and watch them change as they mix. Don't worry about rinsing out the brush between every color change. Instead allow your child to dip back into their palette and let the colors merge and blend as you go.
- **#4:** Once the entire page is covered in paint, set it aside to dry completely.
- **#5:** After all the paint is dry, remove the tape to reveal the bridge shape. You have now made your very own Monet garden painting!



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