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Taped Trees

This fun and simple art technique will help you make a masterpiece in no time! Use masking tape and negative space to create trees in your art.

Supplies

- Paper - watercolor paper or mixed media paper are ideal
- Pencil
- Masking tape or painter's tape
- Scissors
- Watercolors or other paint

Instructions

- Tape down your paper on all four sides. This helps to keep your paper still and prevent it from warping when wet.
- Use a pencil to sketch what you'd like your trees to look like.
- Based on your sketch, cut out pieces of tape to block out your trees. Use a variety of shapes and thicknesses.
- Use the tape to create tree shapes on your paper. Make sure to press the tape down firmly so there are no gaps.
- Paint the background, then set aside your painting to dry.
- Once your painting is dry, remove the tape. The negative space created by the tape makes your trees pop.
- Add any additional details that you'd like in your painting, such as shadows.



This technique works for more than just painting! Put a twist on this activity by using this method with other art media, such as colored pencils.

