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Glue Batik Paintings



Supplies

- Hot Glue and Glue Gun (or Elmer's Liquid Glue*)
- Heavy Paper – watercolor paper is best, cardstock or canvas will also work
- Watercolor Paint
- Paint Brush and Water
- Pencil and Scratch Paper – optional

Glue Design

- Create an outline design with glue. Draw a sketch on a scrap piece of paper with pencil, if desired.
- Using a glue gun, make outlines of your design using glue.
*Elmer's Liquid Glue will work too. If you use liquid glue, you need to let the design dry for 24 hours.
- After hot glue cools, pick off any hot glue "hairs."



Sample 1: Butterfly

- Start with the butterfly body, and make a thick line with glue. Add the antennae. Make each of the four wings, making sure the glue lines touch. Add designs inside each wing, again keeping the glue lines touching.

Sample 2: Tree Landscape

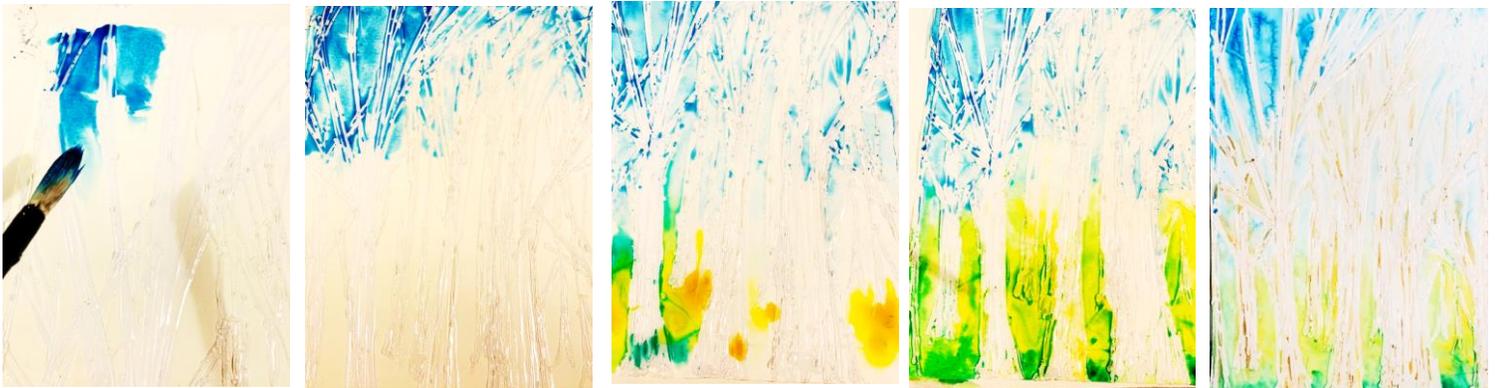
- Using long strokes, create trees with glue. Starting from the bottom of the paper, make large trees in the foreground. Make your trees smaller in the midground. Overlap branches.

Paint your design



Butterfly

To paint the butterfly, wet one area at a time with water. Start with lightest paints, then gradually add darker colors. In the sample, the yellow area was painted first. Once the interior of the butterfly is painted, wet the background and paint blue, or a color of your choice.



Tree Landscape

Work on the top 2/3 of the paper and wet the area. Paint the wet area with blue watercolor paint, and let the water help move the paint around the paper organically. Wash paint brush. With clean water, wet the bottom 1/3 of the paper. Paint with green/yellow watercolor, again letting the water move the paint around. Let dry for a bit, and dab off any puddle areas. You can leave the trees white, or lightly paint in with some brown. The brown paint will soak into the paper behind the trees.