



LESSON 14 LEVEL A WINTER SCENES

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:
drawing and painting circles;
exploring textured tempera

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: blue or gray paper 30.5 x 45.5 cm (12" x 18"); white tempera paint; soap flakes (e.g. "Ivory Snow"); low container; 1.2 cm (1/2") stiff-bristle paintbrush; crayons or oil pastels

"TIPS": Cover the work surface with newspapers. Stir a tablespoon of soap flakes into 60 ml (1/4 cup) of white tempera in a low container like a pie plate. Add a little more soap to make the mixture thick, but still spreadable. Look at and discuss pictures of snowmen in children's books.

NO SNOW? If you live where there is never any snow, you may have seen it in pictures or on TV. Do you know: that snow is cold as ice? That the air is also that cold, otherwise the snow would melt? That you must wear very warm clothes when you go outside? That you wear boots to keep your feet

SNOWMAN



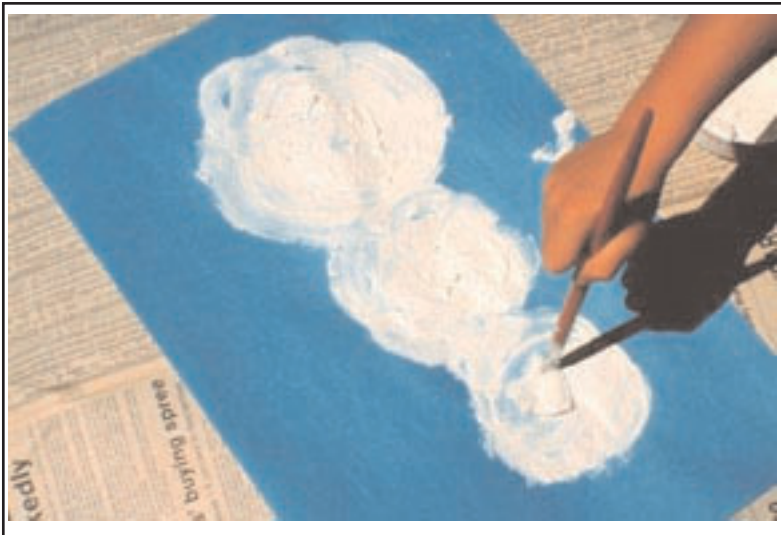
Children Making a Snowman Teacher Drawing

GETTING STARTED: What are some of the things you can do outdoors after a snowstorm. . .go sledding? Make snow angels? Build a snowman? Did you ever make a snowman three big snowballs high? What will your next snowman look like? You can pretend you are playing in the snow with friends as you make this snowman winter picture.

1. Paint a line of white snow covering the ground.
2. On the snow, draw a big circle with



dry? That sometimes snow is icy and when it hits your face, it stings? Or it can be so dry and fluffy that you can't make snowballs? If you want to make a snowman, you test the snow, first, to see if it makes a snowball. Then, if you roll the snow ball in the snow and it picks up another layer of snow every time it turns over, it's ready to make a snowman.



demonstration of technique

6. Pretend that you and your friends are decorating your snowman. First, give him a face. What crayons will you need to give him buttons and a scarf? Make some arms and give him a special hat, perhaps made of cut paper.

7. Near the snowman, draw yourself with your crayons. Maybe you could add someone else. Be sure to draw the people in warm clothes, too! Is there room to show your house and some trees? Don't stop until your picture is full of people and things.

more brushloads of the thick white paint. Fill it in so it looks like a huge snowball.

3. On top of the first snowball make a middle-sized one. Paint around and around to fill in the circle.

4. Make the smallest snowball on top, to be the snowman's head.

5. While you wait for your picture to dry, wash out your brush and the paint container. Get your crayons ready. Think how you will decorate your snowman.



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CLEAN UP: Surprise! You should put away your crayons, the paint brush and the paint container. Throw away any painty newspapers. And wash your hands. You knew that didn't you?

TALK ABOUT IT: How did it feel to paint with such thick, textured tempera paint? Do you like the texture of your snow? You know the names of your friends. What will you call your snowman?

MORE IDEAS: On other pieces of paper, paint more snow-people: large, middle-sized, and small. Fasten them to a window, looking out. When it gets dark, turn them toward the inside so you can see them against the night sky.

CONNECTIONS: Find out about snow. If you live where there is snow, catch some snowflakes on your jacket. Look at them. . quickly!..with a magnifying glass. Can you draw their shapes? Catch some snowflakes on your tongue. What do they taste like?

Sing some songs about snow and snowflakes.

