

Scenes of Waterbury

Drawing a Landscape

For hundreds of years, artists have drawn and painted landscapes to record the world around them.

This project will give you an introduction to perspective so that you can draw your own landscape. You can draw a landscape that you know, or create your own imaginary landscape.



Elsie Rowland Chase, *Waterbury*, 20th century, oil on canvas.

Project 1: Draw a Landscape

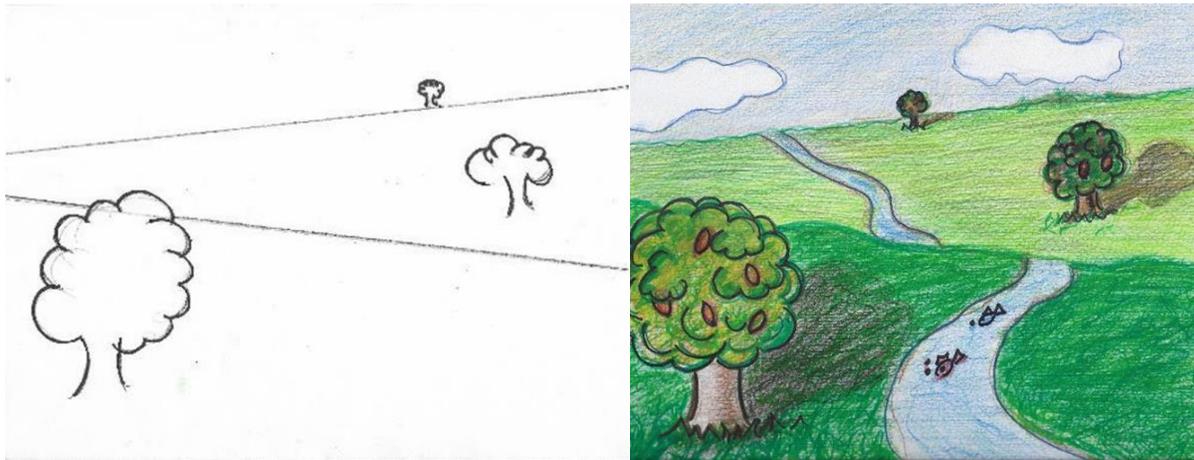
Duration: 30-60 minutes

Materials:

- Pad of paper (in your packet)
- Pencil
- Colored pencils

Instructions:

1. Divide the paper in three sections: foreground, middle-ground, and background.

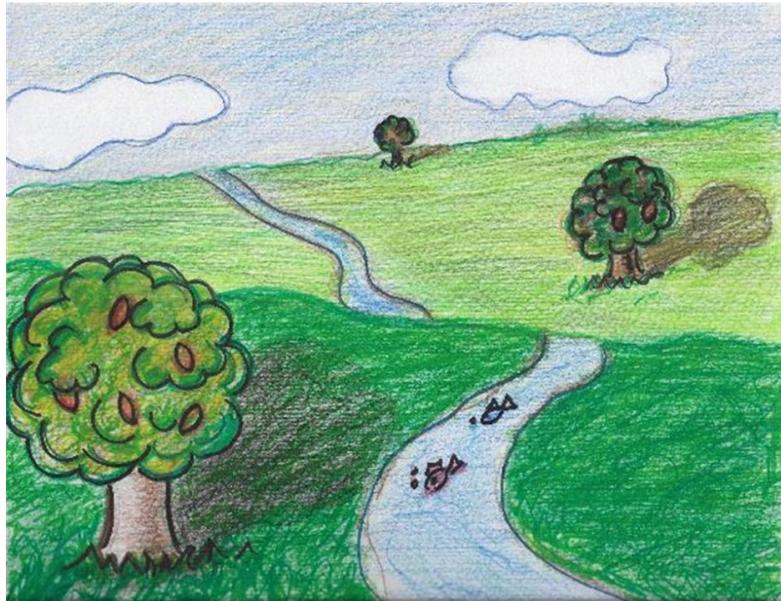


2. Items in the foreground are nearest to the viewer, so they are the largest and boldest in color.
3. Items in the middle-ground are medium size and less bold in color. This area should be the transition area that blends elements from the front to the rear of the painting.
4. Items in the background and images that lay behind the other images are tiny in size, very light, and have atmospheric perspective.

A blue grey added to it to look like it blends into the sky.

Sample Work

You can create more visual interest by adding more images and creating more layers. Add cows, boats, trees, and more of your favorites.



Send your finished work to Heather@mattmuseum.org!

Other Recommendations:

Use these steps to create other types of landscapes, such as cityscapes or seascapes:



Project 2: Make a Postcard

Duration: 30 minutes

Materials:

- Thick paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers

Instructions:

1. Print the postcard template (next page) on a piece of thick paper and cut out the two rectangular postcards.

If you don't have a printer, cut out a rectangle that is 4 inches tall x 6 inches wide and recreate the address lines and line in the middle.

2. On the blank (back) side, draw a landscape following the instructions from earlier. You can also draw your room, your school, or another place that is important to you.
3. On the side with lines, write a note to a friend or family member on the left side and write their address on the right side.
4. Put a stamp on your postcard and mail it out!

Email a picture of your postcard to Heather@mattmuseum.org.

If you want to mail it to the Museum, you can send it to:

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