

Class-Artists in Action  
Grades 1/2  
Lesson-*Starry Night* Art  
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The purpose of this lesson is to help students learn how to paint a picture like *Starry Night*. The final product of this lesson would look great displayed at your child's art or school area.

Materials needed

1 black crayon  
Set of crayons  
Set of watercolors  
9 x 12 white construction paper

Introduction

For this lesson students will first listen to a read aloud of the book *Katy and the Starry Night*, by James Mayhew.

If you have a copy of this book feel free to follow along. Here is the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAPjNMSc4M>



*Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh, 1889



Student examples show above

### Steps

1. Following the story, first have your child make three to five yellow or orange dots on the top third of the paper. These can be spaced randomly, not all in a line.
2. Using yellow and orange crayons draw two or three rows of wavy lines around the "dots".
3. Then using the green crayon, add wavy lines on the bottom of the paper to make the green hills.
4. Next using green, blue and purple crayon add some wavy trees on the green grass.
5. Next have your child color in the sky area around the yellow and orange dots with blue and purple wavy lines. Don't color in the entire sky just add wavy details.
6. Once your child has finished with the crayon details they will put a watercolor wash over the paper.
7. Using yellow watercolor, paint over the yellow and orange crayon. Then using blue watercolor, paint over the grass and trees.
8. For fun have your child draw with a plastic fork to add extra details around the stars and trees by "tracing" over their watercolor areas.
9. Remember to have fun, there are no mistakes in art!

### Extensions

There are many other wonderful picture books about the night sky you may reading with your child.

### Note

Feel free to email me examples of your completed artwork at [kchatigny@forestcharter.com](mailto:kchatigny@forestcharter.com)

Thoughtfully,  
Kaleen

