

Class-Artists in Action  
Grades 3-5  
Lesson-*Starry Night* Art  
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The purpose of this lesson is to teach students how to paint a picture similar to *Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh.

Materials needed

1 pencil  
1 black crayon or black sharpie  
Set of crayons or colored pencils  
Set of watercolors  
9 x 12 white construction paper

Introduction

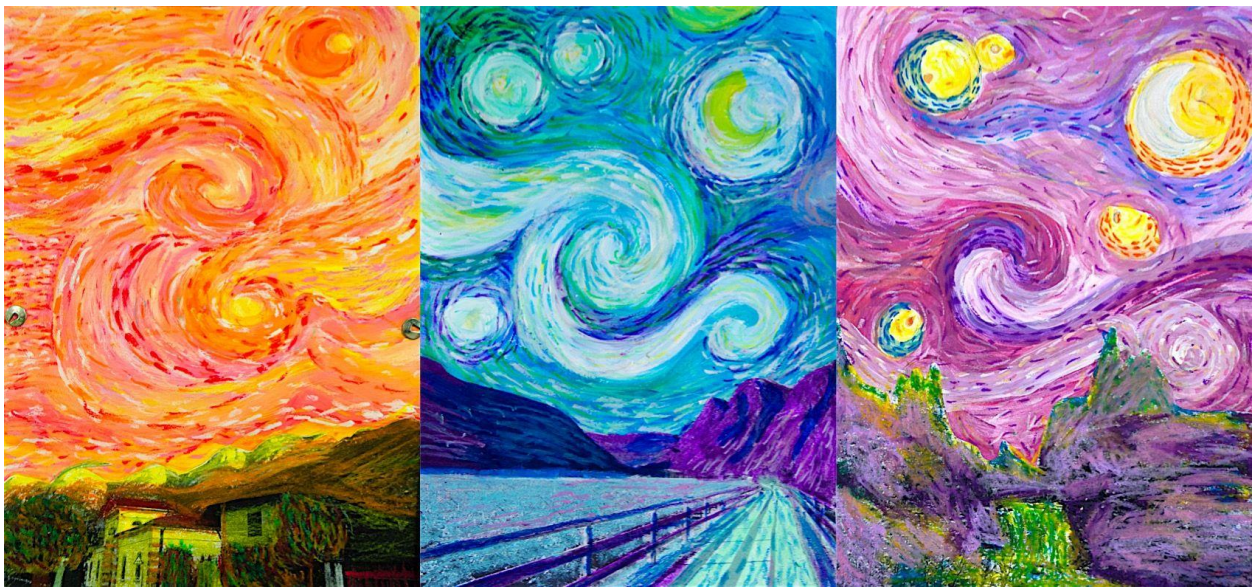
For this lesson students will first watch a short video which shows many of Vincent van Gogh's paintings as well a few facts on this famous painter.

Here is the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qv8TANh8djl>



*Starry Night* by van Gogh, 1889



Examples shown above

#### Steps

1. Following the video, first 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 Cypress trees on the green grass.

5. Next 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 you have finished with the crayon details then put a watercolor wash over the paper.
7. Using yellow watercolors paint over the yellow and orange crayon, then using blue watercolors paint over the grass and trees.
8. For extra details you can use a plastic fork and trace over the watercolor wash.
9. Remember to have fun, there are no mistakes in art!

#### Extensions

Feel free to make another painting adding a detailed landscape in the foreground before adding the watercolor wash.

#### Note

I would love to see your artwork. You may email me examples of your art at [kchatigny@forestcharter.com](mailto:kchatigny@forestcharter.com)

Thoughtfully,  
Kaleen