

CREATE YOUR OWN VAN GOGH FORK PAINTING



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Supplies

- paper - we used 12x12 white scrapbooking paper
- acrylic paint in 3-5 colors. You will need to use quite a bit of paint since the paint will be applied thickly, so cheap acrylic paint will work just fine. I used a mish-mash of paint that we had, some dollar store paint and some from the craft store.
- paint trays
- paintbrushes
- painters tape to tape down the paper
- wooden boards or some type of surface to tape your paper to. Sometimes we use wooden boards, other times I just tape our paper down on the tablecloth.

Van Gogh really made his paintings come alive with movement. He achieved this with the use of color, his type of brushstrokes and using very thick paint, sometimes even squeezing the paint right onto his canvas from a tube. This technique is called impasto.



1. First, tape the paper down to your painting surface with painters' tape. This helps keep the paper from sliding around and also gives it a nice frame when it's finished.
2. Draw out your painting in pencil. We did hills, a cypress tree, a moon and then a few circles for the stars. Keep it simple.
3. Start painting Remember to put the paint on really thick, this will help with the fork part.

4. After you have painted for a bit, start to use the forks. We moved back and forth between laying on thick paint and using the forks to create our movement.
5. It's fun to try out different ways that the forks can make patterns in the paper. Straight lines, short wavy lines, long curvy lines, fork painting is super fun
6. If your paint is drying fast, then you will want to paint just a few brushstrokes and then use a fork to ensure that the fork can create the texture in the wet paint.
7. Once done, let the paint completely dry before removing the painters' tape to ensure that no buckling of the paper occurs.



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