



TE URU HOLIDAY ACTIVITY: *Imagination Station*

Nocturnal Forest painting with mixed media

Paint your own mixed media nocturnal forest scene full of weird and wonderful invented plants and bugs

Suitable for pre-schoolers (with assistance) through to age 14

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YOU WILL NEED:

- Paints (acrylic) red, yellow, blue, white, green, black
- Blue food colouring (optional)
- Paint brushes
- Paint palette or large plastic lid for mixing paints
- A3 card, heavy paper or cardboard box panel
- Scissors
- Glue
- Coloured pencils, crayons or felt tip pens
- A straw (or tightly roll a small piece of paper and tape to create a tube)
- A fork
- 3 small jars or containers with lids
- 3 teaspoons
- Forage through your garden or berm for an assortment of leaves (for stencilling)



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GUIDE

Feel free to change the colours and shapes to make your own individual nocturnal forest scene and bugs.

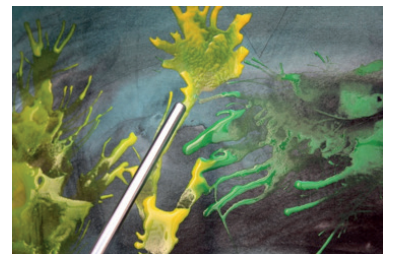
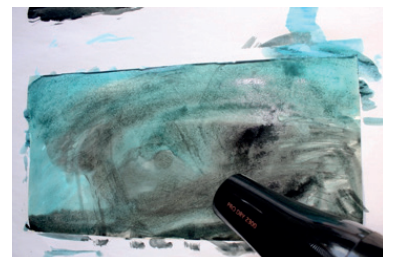
First, create a safe space to work in, perhaps put some newspaper down. Then make a wash for the painting's background:

(Make up in individual jars)

- Mix 1 tsp black paint and 2 tbsp water
- Mix 1 tsp blue food colouring and 2 tbsp water
- Mix 1 tsp yellow paint and 2 tbsp water

1. **DROP** teaspoons of black and blue wash onto heavy paper or card (watch as they move around on your paper).
2. **USE** a paintbrush to mix blue and black wash.
3. **DRY** with a hairdryer (be careful not to blow everything away).
4. **DROP** teaspoon amounts of yellow wash onto your painting and blow with a straw to make organic, tree-like shapes.
5. **DRY** with a hairdryer (look at the beautiful new colours you have created).
6. **MIX** colours on a palette or lid for your leaf stencils. Make any combination – see a colour wheel for ideas.
7. **PAINT** a leaf with a paint brush, cover the whole leaf with a good even coat of paint.
8. **PRESS** the leaf down gently, press all over and peel back. Make as many leaf prints as you like.

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9. **PAINT** the prongs of the fork to make grass shapes and dots on your leaves or anywhere else you might like. (Don't use your best cutlery and be sure to clean up afterwards.)
10. **TRACE** the outlines of the tree shapes with a dark felt tip to make the detail stand out.
11. **DRAW** one bug or many (you might love bugs) on a separate piece of paper or card, or use one of the bug templates.
12. **DECORATE** your bugs with pencils and felts, adding intricate details such as wings, eyes and feelers. You could also design interesting patterns for your bug.
13. **CUT** your bug out. Be careful not to chop off its legs.
14. **DECIDE** where to place your bugs. This will be lots of fun. Try a few different places before you glue it down.
15. **GLUE** the bugs down. Make sure you use plenty of glue.
17. **STAND BACK** and look at your creation. Well done!
18. **UPLOAD** your creation to social media and be sure to tag us in: @teurugallery or #teuru
19. **SEND** us a photo: info@teuru.org.nz

Well done on completing your artwork!

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