

Make your own Northern Lights FIREFOX picture!

It's fun and really easy to create your own Northern Lights picture. Why not be ambitious and try using the same technique only bigger, for your classroom display? Happy making!

You will need:



Minimum

- Coloured pastels or chalks
- Black paper or card
- Any old paper
- White poster paint
- Old toothbrush
- Sticky tack
- Scissors

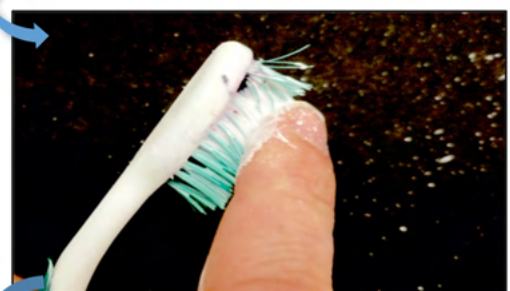
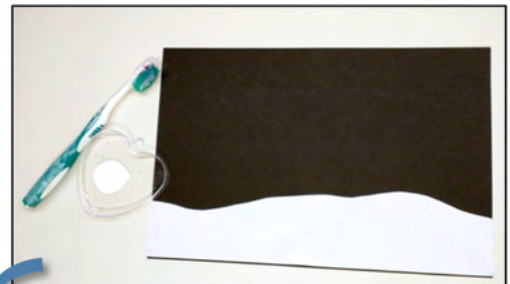
Optional

- Cotton buds
- Black poster paint
- Paintbrush
- Glue stick
- Small dry leaves

Steps:

Create your snowy, starry night landscape

- Using old paper (this doesn't need to be white paper), roughly cut it lengthways along one edge with scissors. This is to create your background snowy hills.
- Sticky tack or glue the slice of paper to a black sheet of paper or card.
- Dip your old toothbrush into white paint.
- Run your thumb or finger along the bristles of your brush while holding it over your black paper, to add white flecks and dots. These are your stars and galaxies. Don't worry if your dots seem big or you splash by mistake – it will look even more realistic!
- Leave your picture to dry.
- It's already looking amazing, but it gets even better!

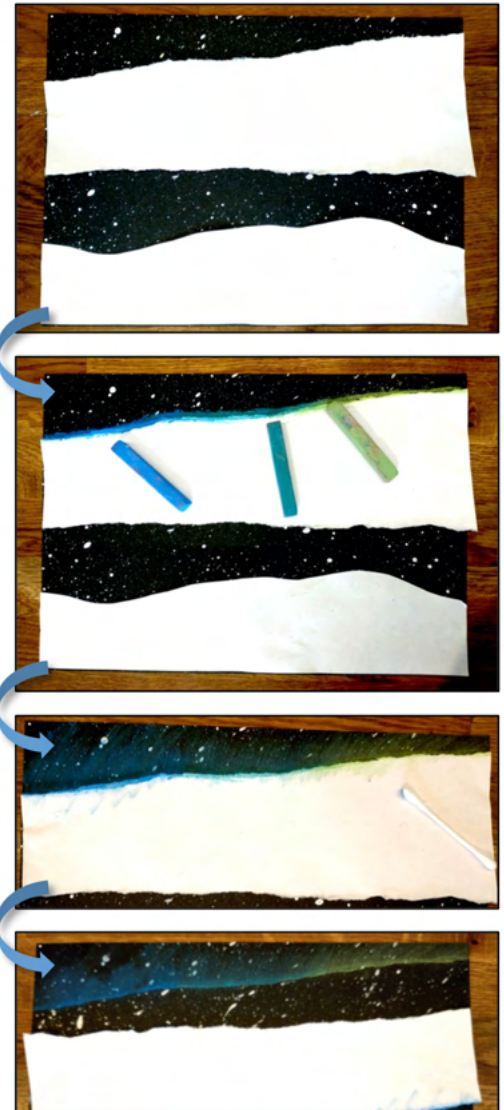


Create the Northern Lights

- Roughly rip a strip of old paper. What you want is an uneven edge – the rougher the better!
- Sticky tack your strip of paper at an angle across the black sky part of your picture, above the hills.
- Colour along the top edge of your strip of paper with pastels or chalks. It looks better if you use more than one colour.
- Smudge the pastel / chalk upwards using your finger or a cotton bud.
- Remove your strip of paper – WOW!
- Repeat the above steps with fresh strips of paper. Keep going until you have lots of lights in the sky.

Tip: You can either tack each strip beneath where the previous one was, or cross them over, to create the effect of the Northern Lights weaving through the sky.

Your finished picture!



Extra Ideas

- Remove the bottom strip of paper to make your hillside a dark silhouette and add white pastel or chalk at the bottom instead, for snow.
- Paint small leaves black and stick them on to look like trees.
- Cut out a tiny fox and hide him somewhere!

