



Childe Hassam was one of the America's leading Impressionist painters. Hassam created an entire series of paintings using props in front of windows. Imagine that the fish in the bowl have been stared at long enough by the pensive woman in her kimono. Give them new scenery by creating a natural setting for the goldfish to live in.

More about this painting can be found here.

Childe Hassam, The Goldfish Window, 1916. Oil on canvas 34 3/8 in. x 50 5/8 in. Museum Purchase.

Activity: Paper Fish Collage

Materials:

- Collage materials including colorful and patterned paper as well as thin cardboard
- Blue background paper
- Scissors
- Glue or tape

Directions:

- Use scissors to cut shapes out of the paper and cardboard, such as fish, plants, and a sailboat
- Use scissors to cut out a blue piece of paper representing a wavy ocean
- Use scissors to cut out curved strips of white paper representing more waves
- Use your glue or tape to attach the ocean piece with the waves on top of it
- Next add a boat with a mast and a sail on top of the ocean
- Experiment with folding some of your paper shapes, such as accordion folding the fish and curling the branches of the plants, then attach with your glue or tape

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