



Childe Hassam, *The Goldfish Window*, 1916. Oil on canvas, 34 3/8 in. X 50 5/8 in. .
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After reading the book *Katie Meets the Impressionist*, we are creating our own impressionist painting using chalk and water. Think about the colors that you saw in the book and what kind of painting you want to make.

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Activity: Chalk impressionism

Materials:

- Paper (watercolor or cardstock, you need something more substantial than printer or drawing paper)
- Chalk
- Cookie sheet or small tray
- Water
- Popsicle or plastic knife (something to scrape chalk)
- Area to dry paper, towel

Directions:

- Begin by putting your tray on your table, I would recommend putting a towel underneath that can stretch beyond to accommodate drying papers.
- Use a cup to pour water into the tray so that it covers the bottom fully, about 1.5".
- Next decide what colors you are going to use in your painting. Over your tray, take a popsicle stick or plastic knife and run it along the edge of the chalk, think about where you are putting your color to create your painting.
- Once you have added the colors you like, you can use the popsicle stick or knife to add some designs by running it through the water.
- Then gently curl your paper in half, carefully place the middle of the paper in the middle of the tray and release the edges of your paper so that it floats on top of the water.
- Once the whole surface of the paper has sat on top of the water, carefully use your fingers to pick the top two corners of the paper to gently lift the paper off the water. Then put it on your towel to dry.
- Once your painting is dry you can use pastels or any drawing material to add more details to your impressionist painting.

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Tips:

- Think about where your colors are going to go to create your image.
- If you're having trouble controlling your pigment you can shave the chalk over another piece of paper and fold to pour onto the water.
- Try not to let your paper sink below the water. You want to keep the design you have made on the top of your paper.



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