



The artist Lyonel Feininger painted this watercolor just a year after he had fled Germany to return to his native New York City. It has a nostalgic feel to it and may indicate that he was reminiscent of a world lost to him in Europe. How would you describe this city? How might it feel to walk down the streets of live in one of these buildings?

Lyonel Feininger, *Old Gables II*, 1938, watercolor and pen on paper, 6 3/4 in. x 9 5/8 in.

For more information about this artwork click [here](#).

Activity: watercolor skyline

Materials:

- 2 sheets of watercolor paper (thick cardstock is ok too)
- Watercolors
- Paint brush
- Cup of water and paper towel
- Sharpie or pen
- Scissors
- Glue stick

Directions:

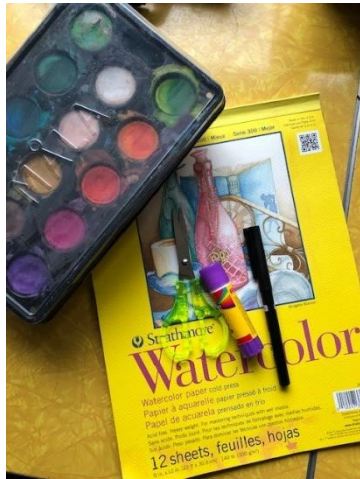
1. Paint an entire sheet of paper with color. Think about what colors you want the sky to be behind your city/neighborhood.
2. On a different piece of paper, use a sharpie or pen to draw city block or row of houses. Option: Trace blocks or other items to create the building shapes.
3. Cut out your city block/row of houses.
4. Once the paint is dry, glue your city block/row of houses to bottom of watercolor painting.

Tips:

- Don't overthink this, just put some colors down and have fun.
- Try doing a morning, afternoon and evening sky.

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