

Almond Blossoms

Supplies:

- White Bond/Watercolor Paper (1)
- Brown Paint
- White Paint
- Blue Paint
- Green Paint
- Pink Paint
- Pink Tissue Paper
- Paint Brushes (1/2 inch and 1/4 inch) If you don't have exact size, use what you have!
- Plate for Paint
- Water in a Cup
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Dry/Wet Paper Towels



Instructions:

1. Make the SKY! Use a tiny amount of blue paint and water it down to a very light blue, almost like you a tinting the water blue! Then Paint your background. Let dry.
2. Mix up your brown paint with a little white for contrast and set aside, we will use it in a few minutes.
3. When your sky back ground is dry, use your pencil, lightly draw VINE from bottom right towards lower left. then add a few small-er branches. You don't need to add all of them, but this will get the placement started.
4. Use the end of one paint brush and dip into the pink paint. Next, you will place the "BUDS" on the limbs and branches.
5. You can add a little green to the limbs for leaves too, not too big though!
6. While your painting dries, let start making the BUDS...
7. Take the pink Tissue Paper and cut into small squares. You can cut a strip of 1 1/2 inch and then cut 1 1/2 inch squares, or you can use the template below. These do not have to be perfect! Buds come in all different stages, be creative along the way.
8. You will take one square of tissue and place it at the top of a pencil (eraser end) and twirl. Slip it off and make at least 25 more. You can always add or show less...
9. Once the painting of the Almond Branches has dried on the paper, take the glue and dot the pink buds and cover with the flat circle side (where the eraser was) of the tissue paper, being careful to allow the buds to pop open. Let the glue dry!

You have just created you version of the famous Vincent Van Gogh's,

"Almond Blossom" painting from 1890!

