ART ACTIVITY

ART TOGETHER, WHILE APART

Artist Judy Crane paints beautiful scenes of nature and often creates in her studio with her granddaughters! Do your own socially distanced collaborative art making by painting or drawing outdoors with friends and family.

Plein Air painting is when an artist paints nature while out in nature! Plein air painting captures a specific moment in time by focusing on the light and color of the environment at that time of day.

Age/Grade  K–12

Materials

• Acrylic Paint
• Paintbrushes
• Palette
• Paper or canvas
• Easel or drawing surface
• Pencil
• Water for rinsing brushes
• Paper towels or reusable towels
• Outdoor area

Activity Ideas

Virtual Art Nights // Host your own virtual art making meet up with friends and family through Zoom or Google Hangouts.

Collaborative Mail Art // Fill a page with doodles - a random squiggle that does not attach - mail the page to a friend or family member and have them complete the picture. Continue the game by coloring in and exchanging the doodles!

Create Your Own Easel // Learn how to make your own DIY Cardboard Easel from Artbar Blog to complete your plein air masterpiece!

Resources

Learn more about Judy Crane’s work and process on her website!
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Artmaking Directions

1. Choose an interesting area of your yard or garden to paint.

2. Set up an easel or drawing surface outdoors with the area in view.

3. Invite friends and family to also set up easels around this area with different views of the same area.

4. Quickly sketch the scene.

5. Paint your scene focusing on the light and colors you can see at that moment!

6. Host an outdoor gallery walk with your finished masterpieces.

images: works by Judy Crane