

NORTON MUSEUM OF ART

Process Painting / 5 yrs. and under

Inspired by Claude Monet's *Gardens of the Villa Morena, Bordighera*



Claude Monet (French, 1840-1926)
Gardens of the Villa Morena, Bordighera, 1884
Oil on canvas
34 ¾ x 36 5/8 in. (73 x 93 cm)
Bequest of R. H. Norton, 53.134

Claude Monet was a famous French painter known for his **Impressionist** style. He loved to paint outdoors and capture the light and the “impression” of his surroundings with short, quick, and thick strokes of paint.

What do you see? Where do you think the artist was when he painted this?

What time of the day do you think it was?

Can you use your hand and arm to show how you think the artist painted this?

Now, let us make a work of art inspired by the work of Claude Monet. Focus on the process of exploring short, quick, and thick strokes of paint instead of on the end result.

MATERIALS

- Aluminum foil
- Cotton swabs (or your fingers!)
- Washable paint
- Tape (to hold down aluminum foil in place)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rip a piece of aluminum foil. Any size works! Tape the edges of the aluminum foil to your workstation to prevent it from moving.
2. Practice with your child the strokes used on this painting. Short, quick, and thick! Now pour your washable paint on a paper plate (or any other preferred surface) and use your fingers or cotton swabs to apply paint with the Impressionist strokes you learned.
3. Focus on the process and not on the end result. Let your child experiment with mixing colors, layering paint, and the overall process. Have fun!

