

Waterfalls Art Work

Put, Hokusai's waterfalls' into google and have a look at the famous paintings.

Your art task this week is to have a go at producing a picture of a waterfall in the same style.

Here are the instructions. Improvise for any materials you don't have.

Waterfalls

When the land that a river is travelling over suddenly changes level, the water flows over the ledge into the pool below, creating a waterfall. The Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai (1760–1849) produced a set of prints of waterfalls that show a fascination for the various ways in which water behaves (see the example below).

Resources

- Pictures of Hokusai's waterfall prints
- Card
- Tissue paper
- String
- Glue
- Paints and paintbrushes
- Polystyrene balls

Approach

1. Show the children the Hokusai prints and discuss how the waterfalls twist and meander over the rocks like the roots of a tree.
2. Using crumpled-up tissue paper and string, recreate the twists and turns of a Hokusai waterfall. When happy with the design, glue onto a card background.
3. When dry, paint in shades of blue and sprinkle with polystyrene balls to form bubbles.

Kirifuri Falls, ca 1831, by Hokusai (1760–1849) © Christies Images/Corbis

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