



Monet Water Lilies

Claude Monet: French impressionist painter who painted with big brushstrokes vibrant paintings of scenes from outside.

(right image: *Water Lilies*, 1906.)

Impressionism: A type of art that focuses on quickly capturing the light and color of the day.

Materials: Watercolors (or food coloring), stiff paper/watercolor paper, salt, tape, paintbrushes and crayons.

Instructions:

1. Tape down a piece of watercolor paper to a surface you don't mind getting wet.
2. Look at Monet's painting of waterlilies and talk about the color of the water. Ask your child to choose three colors that they would like to paint their water with.
3. Get the paper wet first and then add the color on top, allowing it to spread over the surface of the paper.
4. While the paint is still wet, sprinkle coarse salt on top of the painting. Let it dry.
5. Lastly, have your child draw on top of the watercolor wash their own version of lily pads. You might have them look back at Monet's painting so they can notice all the different colors of the lily pads.

Take it further: *Magical Garden of Claude Monet* by Laurence Arnholt
YouTube Read-Aloud: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zKIRyGwh-Q>

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