

Mini Art Lesson:

Wine Jar with Fish and Aquatic Plants

We're taking a closer look at the design elements of this fourteenth-century masterpiece of Chinese porcelain featuring an aquatic landscape. Kids ages 2-6 will follow along with step-by-step instructions to create a fun environment for their favorite animal. For kids 7 and up, we'll explore chemical reactions by making our own watercolors that we'll use to paint colorful nature scenes!



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**FOR AGES 2-6:
 LET'S PLAY**

Today, we'll work on creating an environment for our favorite animals with our family! Take a close look at the wine jar and discuss the concept of habitat and home. What do you notice about this animal's habitat? Where do you think the fish lives? (A)

Step 1: Find an old shoebox, small cardboard shipping box, or even a paper bag to decorate. Then, grab art materials like markers, paper, scissors, glue, or tape. Optional materials include straws, Popsicle sticks, pens, and pencils. (B)

Step 2: With your child, decide what animal to put in the box and discuss the habitat you would like to create. You can draw your own animal or get a stuffed animal! Feel free to sketch out your design together. (C)



FOR AGES 2-6:
LET'S PLAY (cont.)

Step 3: Color the interior (and exterior) of your box to reflect the habitat of your chosen animal. You can also tape on colorful paper to your box. (D)

If you're using additional items to decorate, try mixing up the materials with other items from around the house! (E)

Step 4: Now, add your animal to the environment you just created! Use your animal's new habitat to create stories now and in the days to come. (F)

D



E



F



**FOR AGES 2–6:
LET'S PLAY
BONUS!**

To make an animal puppet, cut out a drawing of your animal and tape on a Popsicle stick, straw, or pen to create your puppet! Hint: tape your Popsicle stick, straw, or pen from the top. (A)

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**FOR AGES 7+:
LET'S CREATE**

This wine vessel was created using natural materials such as clay and was painted with glaze made from ground minerals like cobalt. For this project, we'll also use natural materials to make our own creations!

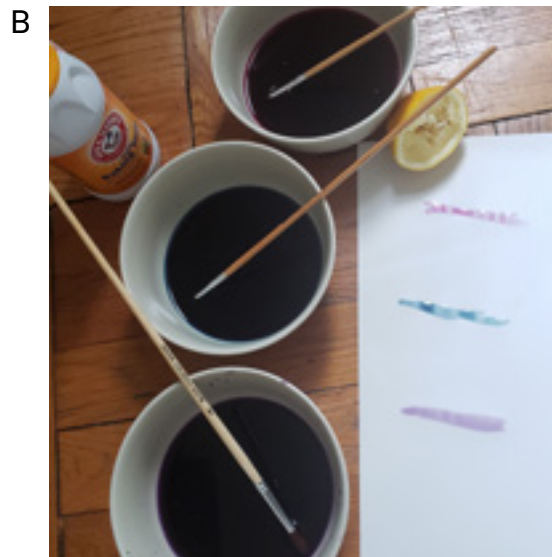
You'll need:

- A pot
- Water
- Red cabbage
- Lemon
- Baking soda

Step 1: With the help of a grown-up, cut up the cabbage and boil it for 20–30 minutes until the water is reduced by about half. (A)

Step 2: Drain the liquid and pour it into three separate containers. Then, add a few drops of lemon juice to one container and two teaspoons of baking soda to a second container. A chemical reaction causes the liquid to change colors! (B)

Step 3: Let's use our colorful liquid to do some watercolor painting! What things in nature inspire you? Let's paint a scene that includes our favorite animals and plants. (C)



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BONUS!**

What other natural ingredients can you use to make paint? You can try coffee, tea, spinach, carrots, strawberries, and more. Experiment and make a rainbow!