“Medium” – the process and materials artists use – is one way to describe an artwork.

Andrew Haslen created a relief print or linocut; he then used watercolor paint to color his print. A relief print is like a rubber stamp . . . to reveal a design, you cut away the areas that don’t print, leaving raised lines that make the image when printed.

Create

Inspired by Haslen’s artwork, use non-toxic, washable watercolor paints to add color and create a scene all your own, working within and beyond the lines and shapes provided.

Experiment

- Paint a different scene on the back of the paper or on other paper.
- Make a collaborative artwork; paint an area and then pass it along to someone else to finish.
- Use crayons to add color; what happens when watercolors and crayons are used together?
- While painting, when the paper is still wet, sprinkle table salt across the page; what happens?
- Observe the paint color when you add a small amount of water; if you add more water, does the color become lighter or darker?
- Look out your window or take a walk; turn what you see into a drawing, painting, story, or song.
- Andrew Haslen chose colors that reminded him of spring; make a design with colors that remind you of a season or mood.

Share

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