

# Arctic Landscape Collage

Create a landscape like an artist and explore the illusion of depth!

## Materials Needed:

Big and Small Arctic Animals Printable (or draw your own), wax paper, white paper, blue paper (or color or paint a piece of paper blue), crayons, glue.



## Instructions:

**Step 1:** Cut a small piece of wax paper. Crinkle it in your hands and then flatten it. Repeat this step for different sized pieces of both wax paper and white paper. These will be your ice sheets.

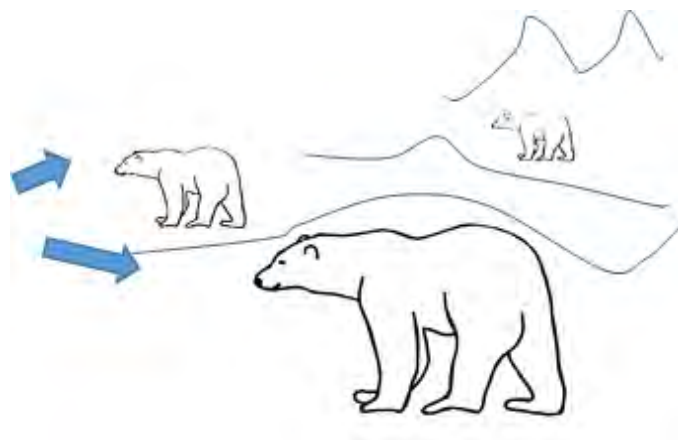
**Step 2:** Glue the wax and white paper pieces onto a piece of blue paper (the ocean). Layer the wax paper, so you can still see the blue paper in some areas. You have made an icy ocean landscape.

**Step 3:** Color in some of the animals on the Arctic Animals Printable sheet. Include both small and big animals. Cut out the animals.

**Step 4:** Glue the animals on the landscape. Place the bigger animals on the bottom half of the paper so they appear closer, and place the smaller animals on the top half of the paper so they appear farther away.

**Animals further away  
look smaller.**

**Animals that are closer  
look bigger.**



# Near and Far: An Artist's Illusion

When we look at a landscape, we see the objects closer to us as bigger and objects further away as smaller.



Try it! Put two toy animals of the same size next to each other. They should look the same size. Now place one of the animals farther away.



Step back so you can see both the animals. Does one look bigger and one smaller?

Look at the two paintings of animal in landscapes. What do you notice about the animals? Are the animals all the same size? Why?

See these paintings on exhibit in the UA Museum of the North Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery!



Above: Detail from *Untitled* by George Ahgupuk, UA1981-3-50.

Right: *The Reef Point* by Henry Wood Elliott, UA482-5.



Artists place smaller and bigger objects in the landscape to give us the illusion of near and far, also called *depth*. Even though the paper or surface they used is flat, the artist used different sizes of animals to create an illusion that some of them are closer and some are farther away.

# Big and Small Arctic Animals Printable

Print and color the animals. Cut and glue onto a landscape. Create the illusion of depth!

