

Museum Minute | Art and Water

Try it at home!

See artwork from our collection inspired by water, snow, and ice.



Ken Lisbourne, Eskimo Dance, 1981, UA1981-003-009



A Tundra Town at Breakup, Theodore Lambert, 1937



Sam Kimura, Ice Cascade, date unknown, UAP2002-051-001



Paint with watercolor paints. Use heavy paper. Wet the paper with water or wet paint. Add drops of color with a brush or a dropper. FUN TIP!—sprinkle salt on the wet paint. Brush the salt off when dry to reveal crystal patterns!



Try painting with watercolor paint on snow, instead of on paper. Take your paint outside, or bring a tray of snow inside.



Bring a paintbrush outside. Dip the brush into a puddle, and use it to “paint” on the sidewalk. If there are no puddles, bring a bowl of water outside with you.



Use a camera or phone to photograph melting snow, ice crystals, water droplets, or puddles. Experiment with filters.



Color water with paint or food coloring. Freeze in popsicle molds or an ice-cube tray (if using an ice-cube tray, cover with foil and insert toothpicks into each cube to create handles). When frozen, create designs by sliding the frozen paint over heavy paper.



Draw with washable markers on heavy paper. Bring your drawing outside in the rain. Watch the rain change your design. If it is not raining, use a spray bottle to create your own rainstorm.