

# Winter Trees

## Acrylic on Canvas

**Paint colors needed:** white, blue, black

**Supplies needed:** Big brush, small detail brush, small fan brush

1. Start with white and blue. Do not even put black on your pallet yet. With white and a small amount of blue, paint the background with a gradient from white to blue. **Do not use black.**
2. Decide where you want to put trees. You will have 3 rows of trees.
  - Back row trees will be mostly white with some blue.
  - Middle row trees will be mostly blue.
  - Front row trees will be mostly black with some blue.



3. Start with the back row (mostly white) row of trees. Use the small detail brush to draw lines. These will become tree trunks.
4. Using the fan brush, start at the top of the tree and use the side of the brush to create tree branches. As you move towards the bottom, you will use larger swooping motion to create larger branches.



### TIP:

You will be putting wet paint on top of wet paint. As you paint, the paint on the brush will mix with the white in the background. The more you move the paintbrush on the canvas, the more mixed the color will be.

5. Complete the back row of trees then move to the middle row, then front row.
6. Once you have completed the all three rows of trees, use the detail brush to add dimension to the trees. Light will hit the top of the branch and create shadow underneath.



Inspiration:



Examples:

