Create a Monet-like Art Project

You'll Need

- Poster board or canvas
- Watercolor paints
- Brush
- Small jar of water
- Small towel or paper towels to wipe brush clean

How to Create

1. The first step to creating a Monet-style painting is to choose a landscape. Have your child choose something near home that he is familiar with, such as a tree in the backyard, a small pond near your house or a garden.

2. Instruct your child to dip the paint into the water and choose a color similar to the colors she sees before her. If painting a tree, then she'll want a brown trunk and green leaves, for example.

3. If your child is grade school age or older, tell her to also pay attention to any reflections, and lighter and darker shades so she can adjust the paint accordingly.

4. Now, the child should use wide, sweeping strokes and big circles to create the painting. The key is to avoid any harsh lines or angles.

5. Once the painting is completed, instruct your child to look at it again. Is there anything missing? If she adds a bit of green under the tree will it signify the shadows there? Perhaps the sun is high in the sky and she needs a burst of yellow above the tree branches.