A FREE WINTER WATERCOLOR TEMPLATE

Paint the Northern Lights

One free night-sky template to print on watercolour paper and paint in an evening



A painted reference, to show one way the colours could go.

Print at 100% on A4 watercolour paper, then paint along.



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HOW TO PAINT IT

Sky first, trees last

1. Wet the whole sky

Brush clean water over the sky, right down to the tree line, until the paper has an even sheen. Not puddles, just a shine.

2. The green glow

Lay a soft band of green along the faint guide line and let it spread. Touch a little teal into the edges so it doesn't look like a stripe.

3. A touch of violet

A few tiny drops of violet or pink along the top edge of the green. Let them kiss, don't stir them, or the sky turns grey.

4. The night sky, while it's damp

Paint deep blue into the rest of the sky from the top corners, letting it bleed softly into the glow. Darkest at the very top.

5. Let it dry, then the trees

Wait until the paper is bone dry. Paint each pine as a dark silhouette, leave the snow as white paper, and add a few white dots for stars.

Which colours?

Any bright green, a teal or blue-green, a violet and a deep blue such as indigo from your own box will do the job. You don't need the same brand.

Printing

Print at 100% (turn off “fit to page”) on A4. Watercolour paper if your printer will take it, fed one sheet at a time.

IF YOU ENJOYED PAINTING THAT ONE

The full set: twenty night skies



Winter Night Skies is twenty night and sky scenes drawn as soft pencil outlines: the aurora ridge you just painted, an aurora over a frozen lake, a full moon over snowy pines, a tawny owl against the moon, a lighthouse on a winter night, Orion over the pines and more.

Each scene comes with a painted reference and a Colour Inspiration Card.

The full set arrives on Monday 30 November.

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