

**OUT OF
THE BAG**

**ART CAPSULE
INK TREE BLOSSOMS**



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INTRODUCTION

In this exercise, students will create an image of a cherry tree blossoming in spring exploring a variety of art materials, the use of colour and tactile experimentation through art-making.

PROGRAM LENGTH

30-45 minutes.

AGE GROUP

Kindergarten-Grade 4

ART ACTIVITY

Materials:

1 sheet white paper
Ink (or diluted black paint or water soaked in coffee grounds or tea bag)
Small paintbrush
White glue
2 sheets tissue paper (ideally pink) or crepe paper, gift wrap or kleenex
Paper straw or scrap paper rolled tightly

- » Drop a small pool of ink or watered down tempera paint in the middle white sheet of paper near the bottom. Using a paper straw, blow the ink in various directions so it moves 'up' the paper and creates random tendrils, or branches. Blow until the tendrils fill the page to create a tree-like form. Repeat with more ink as needed and allow to dry.
- » Cut or rip pink tissue paper into small pieces (roughly 2x2 inches). Mold each piece over a pencil eraser or over a fingertip, creating a thimble-like shape with flared, wrinkled edges. See examples in image on first page and try practicing with different paper sizes to get a feel for it.
- » Place a drop of glue on the bottom rounded end of the tissue paper, and glue it down on the ink branches. Repeat this process all over the page until the tree is filled with blossoms. If you have different coloured tissue paper, try adding smaller blossoms inside the larger ones.
- » If tissue paper isn't available, cut out petals from pink construction paper, or use pink paint to create blossoms directly on the white paper.

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