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Textured Tree Postcards

Join us as we create artful postcards to send to loved ones this holiday season! We will be using a printmaking technique using items like bubble wrap, rubber bands, and string to make winter tree prints. Then, turn your artwork into postcards your family and friends will be happy to receive!

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Gather materials:

- Cardstock
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ruler
- Bubble Wrap
- Rubber Band
- String
- Recycled Jar / Cardboard Roll
- Tempura Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Pen

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Use a sturdy paper to make sure your paper won't get destroyed in the mail; cardstock works best. Take a ruler and measure a rectangle that is 6 inches by 4 inches and mark it with a pen. Measure out at least four of them.

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Cut the paper along the measured lines. Make sure that your postcards are rectangular shaped as USPS only ships rectangular postcards.

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Gather materials to create raised textures with paint. Things like bubble wrap and pieces of cardboard work well. You can also create your own tools by grabbing a jar or cardboard roll and wrapping it with string and rubber bands.

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Using tempera paint and a paintbrush, apply paint on top of the bubble wrap pieces. Then press the bubble wrap paint-side down on top of a piece of construction paper. Pat it down onto the paper and peel the bubble wrap off to reveal your bubble texture design.

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Repeat this same bubble wrap printing process using different color paint, construction paper, and bubble wrap size. Then place these prints to the side to dry.



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If you created a rolling tool using string or rubber bands, paint the roll with any color paint all the way around. Then place the roll at the bottom of the construction paper and with two hands firmly press down and roll up. This will create line textures.

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Once you have made a few pieces of different colored textured prints, set them aside for 10 to 15 minutes to fully dry.

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Once your prints are dry, start cutting them out into shapes for your tree. You can use shapes like circles, triangles, or ovals.

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Grab the postcard pieces you created and begin gluing your textured tree shapes on top of your postcards. They can be placed in a row or overlapping each other.



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Using leftover scraps from the tree paper, cut small strips for the tree trunks. Glue them underneath each shape to complete the tree look.

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Once your art is completely dry, flip your postcard over. Using a ruler, draw a vertical line down the center.

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Draw address lines by making three or four horizontal lines on the lower part of the right box. Leave an empty space on the top right of your postcard for the postal stamp.

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Write your special message on the left side of your postcard. Once you stamp your postcard, you can pop it in the mailbox and send it off!