

## Oil Pastel Fauvist Trees

Fauvism is the style of les Fauves (French for “the wild beasts”), a group of early twentieth-century artists whose works emphasized strong color. You will be using inspiration from the Fauves, your knowledge of color theory and composition to create images of trees that engage the imagination.

The images below are paintings by several founders of the Fauve movement. Notice how color is used for both highlight and shadow, rather than black and white making parts appear lighter or darker.



### Process:

You will use oil pastel to create a landscape in exaggerated and often strange colors.

- Brown may NOT be used on the tree trunk or branches.
- Green is NOT may not be used on the leaves.
- Your paper surface should have intense color (no white should be showing ANYWHERE!)

### Procedures:

- Research Trees, find at least 3 trees photographs that interest you. Remember to think about composition as you are looking at trees. These images tend to be more interesting the more unique the view of the tree is.

- Start your sketches!! 3 thumbnails minimum, each should be a different tree composition, I will make you re-do it if it is three drawings of the same tree!
- If you feel you want to practice with your oil pastels before you work on your good paper please practice on your thumbnails
- Break your images into color sections and plan out your color scheme ~ remember like the fauves you will not be using black for shadows or whites for highlights. Just different values of the colors you choose :)
- When finished write artist statement and rubric.