

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. We know that winter is just around the corner and what do we see at this time of year? All around, you see white snow, evergreen trees, and pine cones. When winter sets in and days are shorter with less light, our moods can become low. You can easily make simple changes to bring beauty into your life and brighten your days. For this project we will use simple black and white evergreens and pinecones. This may not seem very bright and cheery, but with a bit of additions, we can make the simple feel warm and special.



1-Practice making pine boughs, which are simple pine branches, by making lines on white paper with a black crayon, marker, or dark pencil. You can also, draw these on black paper with a white crayon or chalk. Draw a thick black line and add squiggly thin lines on each side of the long line. Next, practice making different size pine cones using the same black and white contrast. Start by drawing an egg shape on the paper. Fill in the shape with small hills piled on top of each other, until the whole egg shape is filled. Take these designs and glue them to colored paper. Cut these out, leaving a small area of color showing around each shape. If you do not have different colored paper, use crayons or markers and draw an outline around each shape about ¼ inch wide.

2- Use another black and white contrast by making black dots on white paper or white dots on black paper, the same as above. Create a colorful collage by gluing all the shapes in a beautiful pattern on a larger piece of white paper. You can add a bit of sparkle, like when the snow glistens in the sun, by using shiny paper or tinfoil.

3- If you can create color and sparkle with simple black and white art creations, you will be able to see beauty all around this winter.

Be well and **bring color to your life**

Ms. Susan