ABSTRACT LANDSCAPES

Today we are going to paint like the artist Syd Solomon and create our own abstract landscapes! Syd Solomon was inspired by the natural world right here on Sarasota Bay. He often took his canvases outside to paint by the bay, and many of his paintings have names that remind us of the ocean and the beach. This painting, Shoreblocks is named after the large rocks that protect the shore from erosion. Solomon’s work is abstract, so it doesn’t look exactly like real life, but we can recognize some elements, like shoreblocks, in his paintings.

When artists paint outdoors, we call that plein air painting. Some artists, such as Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh, and Syd Solomon were famous for painting outside and drawing inspiration from the natural world. What will you be inspired by today? How will you show that on your canvas?

Directions

Materials:
Canvas Board
Paint Palette
Paintbrush
Paper Towel

1. Take in the landscape all around you. Ask yourself, what part of this view do you like best? How does it make you feel?
2. Decide which colors you will use to create an abstract landscape.
3. Paint an abstract landscape using colors, line, and shapes. Abstract art doesn’t look exactly like real life, so your painting shouldn’t look picture perfect!
