

The project on the next page goes along with the book *Penguin Problems* written by Jory John and illustrated by Lane Smith.

In this story, this little penguin has a lot of problems: it's too cold, it's too bright, he's hungry, he can't fly, and more. However, a wise walrus interrupts his rant to give him a bit of advice. The walrus tells him to really think about his life and he'll discover he's exactly where he needs to be.

For our art activity, we'll be painting the snowy mountains that penguin lives in. Maybe it will help him see he's right where he needs to be!



MUSEUM CONNECTION

This story was inspired by the print *Crow on a Snowy Branch* (雪の木に 烏) by Ohara Shōson. The snowy branch and the black bird reminded us of the penguin in the story as he complained about it being too cold. Does the crow look like he minds the snow?

This work of art was created by a process called woodblock printing. Woodblock printing means this design was carved into a piece of wood, then colored ink was put on top before it was pressed down (or printed) onto the paper. These woodblocks could be used repeatedly to create a lot of copies of the same design.

We hope that you will take the time to visit this print in the Chao Gallery at The Ringling!

STANDARDS:

IV.A.1

IV.A.2

IV.A.3

IV.F.1

IV.F.2

IV.F.3

IV.F.4

I.C.1

I.C.2

VIII.A.1

VIII.E.1

VIII.E.2

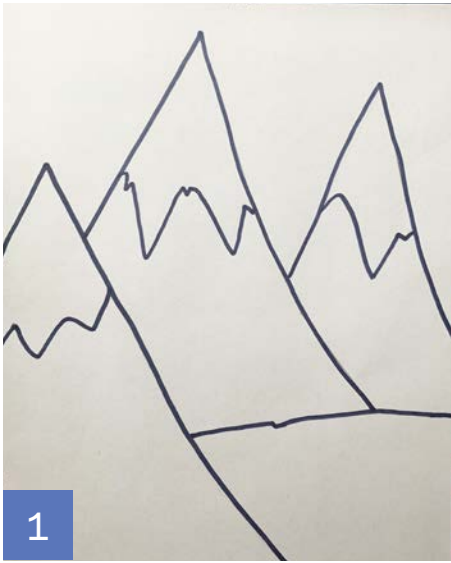
Artist: Ohara Koson (Japanese, 1877 - 1945), Publisher: Watanabe Shōzaburō (Japanese). *Crow on Snowy Branch*, c. 1930. Woodblock print; ink and color on paper, 15 × 6 13/16 in. Museum purchase, 2019. SN11655.2

ACTIVITY

SNOWY MOUNTAIN

MATERIALS:
PAPER, CLOTHESPINS, COTTON BALLS,
WHITE & BLUE PAINT, MARKER

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE



DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by drawing a mountain with your marker on heavy or construction paper
2. Next, clip the cotton ball in between your clothespins. These will be your snowball paintbrushes! Each snowball paintbrush will be used for a different color paint.
3. Dip your "paintbrush" into the blue and white paint to decorate the mountains and sky with snow and ice.

Would you like to be in these snowy mountains like our penguin friend?

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click [here](#) to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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