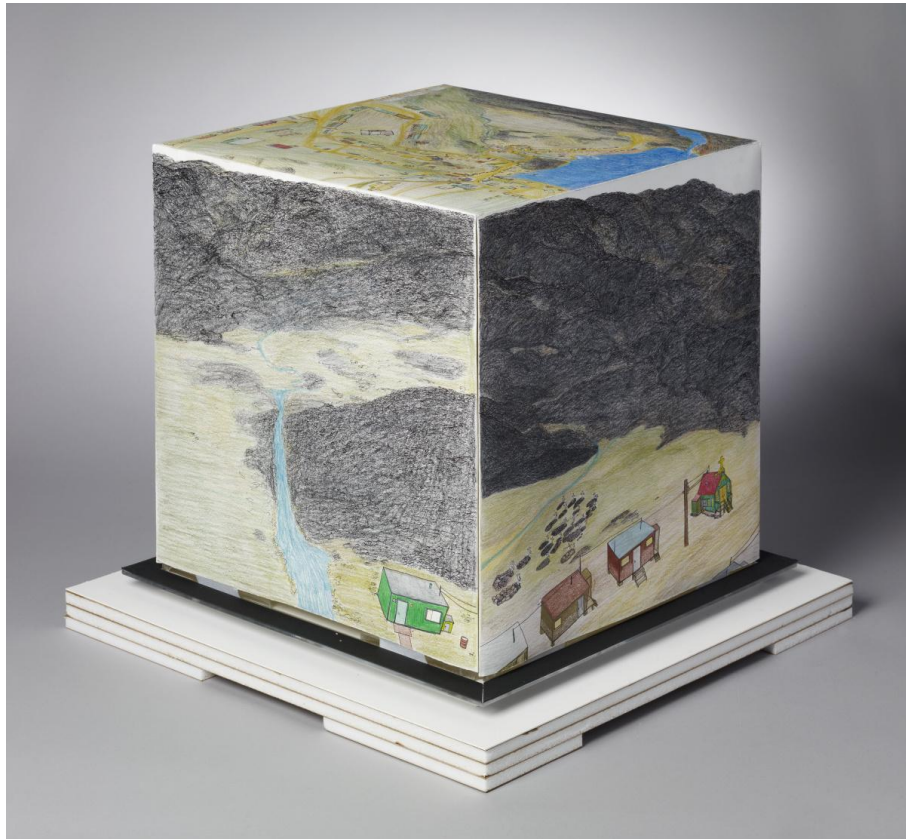


ACCORDION LANDSCAPE FOLD YOUR OWN LANDSCAPE

All landscapes tell stories. Let's get inspired by Shuvina Ashoona's 3-D landscape *Composition (Cube)*, a landscape created on a non-traditional structure; in this case, paper folded into a box or cube. Look around you to find a landscape you'd like to capture. Have fun exploring the horizon line, the background, middle ground and foreground while creating your own unique folded accordion-style story.



Shuvina Ashoona, *Composition (Cube)*, 2009. Coloured pencil, black porous-point pen on paper, Overall: 41.9 x 39.4 x 39.4 cm. Purchased with the assistance of the Joan Chalmers Inuit Art Purchase Fund, 2009. © Shuvina Ashoona / Courtesy of Dorset Fine Arts 2009/92.

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We will use simple, found-at-home materials, including pencil crayons which have always been a favourite among Inuit artists.

Materials:

- Paper cut into a long rectangular strip. The piece pictured above is 5" x 18"
- An assortment of colourful construction papers
- Pencil crayons
- A regular lead pencil
- Scissors
- A glue stick or pourable white glue

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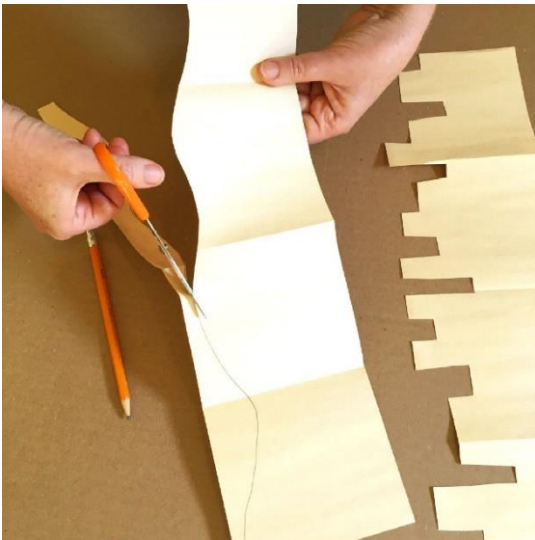


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Folding the Paper:

- Fold your long paper strip in half. Crease the folds well.
- Open the paper up and bring either edge to the centre fold and crease. Do the same with the opposite edge.
- Now invert the centre fold and you should have a folded paper in the shape of a letter M or W.



Create a horizon line:

- A horizon line separates the land or sea from the sky.
- Open your paper up and with a pencil draw your horizon line along the upper part, the top 1/4 of the paper.
- Have some fun with your line. If you are making a city landscape you can create the tops of buildings or houses. Or consider an imaginary fantasy landscape and play with lines and shapes.
- Use your scissors to cut along your horizon line and remove the top of the paper.

Background, Middle ground, Foreground:

- Draw another line across your paper to separate the background (top of the paper) from the middle ground (bottom half).
- Background: Using pencil and pencil crayon, draw in the things you want to see in your background. Trees, buildings, clouds, what can you imagine? Remember, these things should look like they are far away, so they should be drawn smaller. Using cool colours will give the illusion of distance.

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- Middle ground: Draw the middle ground with pencil and pencil crayon and consider adding something that catches the eye, such as an animal, or person. This is called a focal point. You might consider creating the focal point from construction paper, like the fox in the picture below, to make it POP. Warmer colours will attract attention, so try using them for the middle ground and the focal point.
- Foreground: The foreground is right at the front of the landscape and will be created using cut-out shapes from construction paper that you glue down. They will be the biggest elements of your accordion landscape and they can extend past the top of your paper!
- Once your glue is dry, refold your piece and prop it up on a table or shelf to enjoy.
- These also make lovely greeting or holiday cards.



Variations:

- Other materials you could use include coloured tissue paper, patterned papers, magazine images and stickers.
- Create a longer landscape by adding a second or third folded strip to the original.
- Create one for every season—winter, spring, summer and fall.

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