Fireworks Landscapes

Using Chalk Pastels

Create a celebratory scene using chalk pastels and hand-made stencils then share your masterpiece with us!

Supplies:
- Chalk pastels - Mungyo soft pastel set of 48 assorted colors
- Eraser – the one on the end of a regular pencil will do
- Cardstock - Crayola cardstock or a piece of cardboard
- Scissors - Fiskers kids classic scissors
- Black paper - SunWorks heavyweight construction paper, 9 x 12 inches
- Masking tape - Scotch masking tape
- Hairspray – optional as fixative

Steps:
1. Cut a skyline stencil using a sheet of cardstock. This will be used to block out a foreground and can be cut to represent buildings for a cityscape, a tree line, rolling hills, or any rooftops, or any other shapes.

2. Secure your cut stencil using tape overtup of the lower 1/3rd of your black paper. This will serve to block that part of the paper from the chalk you apply. Choose a color to outline your stencil.

3. Apply chalk, tracing along the top of your stencil and smearing it (with your fingers or a paper towel) upward, blending colors to create a sunset or backlit look. Leave the upper 1/3rd of your paper black.

4. Draw fireworks on top of your sky, layer different colors and try different types of thick and thin lines in radial and bursting patterns. Add white to the center and dots to create sparkle. Experiment with blended and crisp lines.

5. Use an eraser to clean up any areas where you may have over smeared chalk or where you want black to show through again.

6. Add details like lights to your foreground. Once you are happy with your work you can carefully remove the stencil and the tape from the edges. If you want to spray your work with hairspray, it will keep it from smudging later.