

# MOVEMENT

Vincent van Gogh used very thick oil paint to bring his paintings to life. You can use acrylic paints, which dry more quickly. If you mix your paints very thickly, you can paint a sky with swirls of color like van Gogh's.

# GALLERY

The Starry Night 1889  
VINCENT VAN GOGH (1853-1890)



**CONTRAST**  
The dark cypress tree stands out against the light of the stars in the evening sky.

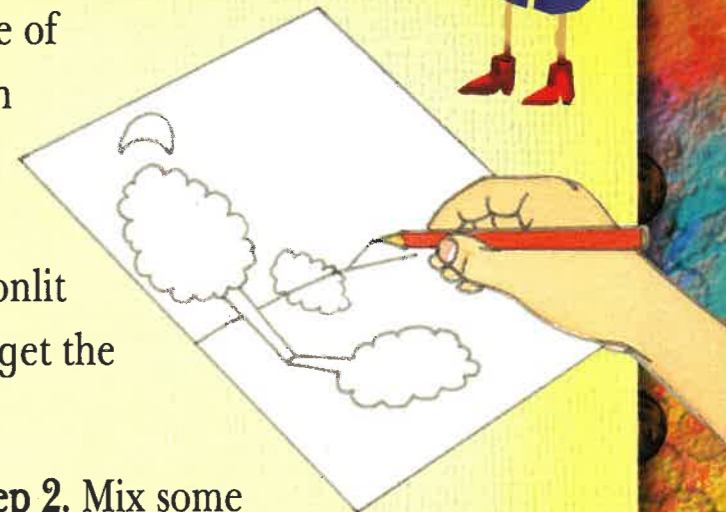
**FEELING**  
Van Gogh put a great deal of feeling into his work. If you look closely, you can see almost every line of paint.

**SKIES**  
"I never get tired of looking at the blue sky," van Gogh told his mother. Here he has painted a glowing night sky.



# PROJECT: MOVEMENT IN PAINTING

**Step 1.** On a piece of cardboard, sketch the sky, some trees, and plants on a starry, moonlit night. Don't forget the shadows.



**Step 2.** Mix some blues, purples, black, yellows, and white. Make sure the paint is really thick. Start at the top of your sketch and paint the shapes with lines and swirls of blue, purple, and yellow. A comb can be used to add texture.



**Step 3.** When the paint has almost dried, add some circles and swirls of white and yellow for the stars and the moon.