

## 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.

Ogh was poor, often hungry and ill — he was rejected by many people. The church did not want his help with the poor. Artists did not like his paintings. His brother Theo was the only person who believed in him. Van Gogh had very little money while he was alive, but after his death his paintings began to sell for thousands, or even millions, of dollars.