# Art at home!

# **Paper Cactus**

Artist Cruz Ortiz explored local Arizona desert landscapes for inspiration for his murals "Summer Nite Star Dream" and "Palo Verde Dream" on display in the ASU Art Museum's Artists' Workshop. Cruz's murals brighten our day, everyday, and we want to bring a little cactus joy to you too. Make your own 3-D paper cactus.



#### Materials:

- Paper, cardstock is ideal, but white copier paper glued to construction paper or thin cardboard would work great too.
- Child-safe scissors.
- Markers, colored pencils or crayons.
- Tape or glue.

### How to:

- 1. Print our cactus template, or use our template for inspiration and draw your own on paper.
- 2. Color and decorate your cactus and planter with markers, colored pencils, crayons or anything else you would like to use.
- 3. Add flowers or spines to your cactus.
- 4. Cut around the outline the of cactus.
- 5. Cut around the outline of the planter.
- 6. Cut along the dotted line on all pieces.
- 7. Slide the cacti piece with the slit at the top over the cacti piece with the slit in the bottom.
- 8. Take your planter and connect the short edges with either tape or glue.
- 9. Place your cactus in your planter.
- 10. Make yourself a paper cacti garden!

## Safety:

Use child-safe scissors or have an adult supervise cutting out the shapes.



