



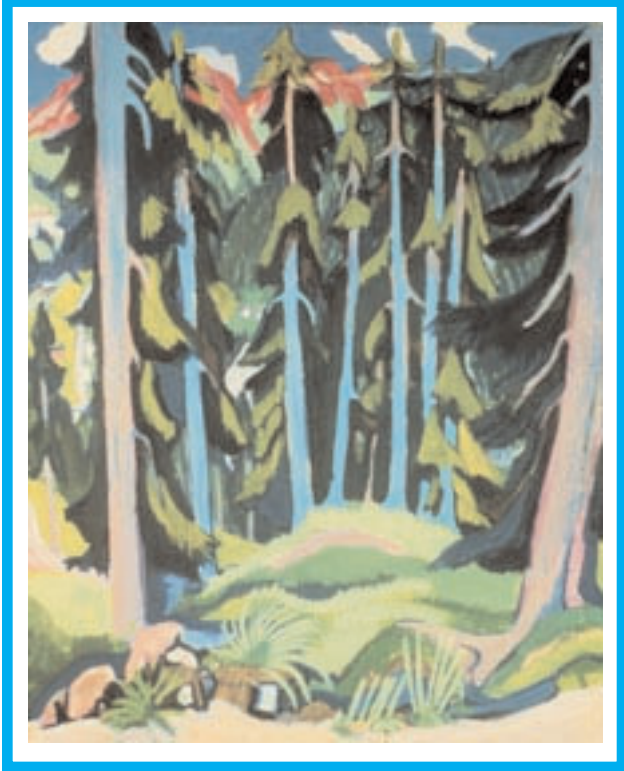
# LESSON 19 LEVEL A SPACE (OVERLAPPING)

# HIDE AND SEEK

**WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:** techniques of cutting; using overlapping to show the illusion of depth

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED:** old magazines with pictures of people and animals; white or colored construction paper, including brown; paste or glue; scissors

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** In advance, clip pages from magazines that show figures of people and animals, or even objects, that are easy-to-cut-around shapes. Show the child how to turn the paper while the hand with the scissors merely snips. (It will be easier if excess paper has been roughly cut away.) If there is a deep "V" shape to be cut, show how to make two cuts from the outside to the center of the "V" instead of trying to turn the scissors or paper at the deepest point. This method helps to avoid tearing



Ernst Ludwig Kirschner Forest with Brook  
Kunsthaus Zurich

**GETTING STARTED:** Look at Kirschner's painting of a forest. Notice the tall trees. Could an animal hide behind one of those trees? Could you? Why not? Sometimes we play games like "Hide and Seek" outdoors in the park or in the woods. Let's pretend we are near some tall trees, big enough to hide behind. Ask someone

older than you to show you how to cut a strip from the brown paper. Make it about 5 cm. x 30.5 cm. (2" x 12"). Put it on the support paper with the paper lying the long way. Now you cut several more of these "tree trunks." (If you wish, cut some smaller strips for the high branches, too.)

1. Fasten the "trees" to the support paper with a dab of paste at the bottom



and the top of each “trunk.” If you wish, cut some green leaves from the magazine pages to add to the top of the picture.

2. Cut several pictures of people from magazines. Choose people who might play Hide and Seek. Cutting takes time to practice. Be patient with yourself. Cut slowly and carefully.

3. When two or three pieces are cut, tuck them behind the trees. Stick them down with more dabs of paste. Of course, some parts will peek out so the seeker will be able to find them more easily!



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4. Add several more cut outs or more trees. A tree may be in front of another tree. This is called overlapping. The picture should be full of trees and hiding people.

5. Add more cut outs if you wish.. dogs, squirrels, birds.

**CLEAN UP:** You know how to do this. Pick up and throw away all the paper scraps. Put away the paste and scissors. Are your fingers sticky? Soap and water is the answer.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** Which were the easiest shapes to cut out, the tree trunks or the hiders? Why? Did turning the paper as you cut make it easier? Does it look as though the figures are really behind the trees that overlap them? Can you find any other examples of overlapping?

**MORE IDEAS:** Draw the tree trunks and leaves with crayons. Then hide some crayon drawings of figures that are peeking out from behind the trees.

**CONNECTIONS:** Take a walk in the park or woods. Look for places to hide. Also look for squirrels, birds and other wildlife that actually do hide where they live.