



## MUSEUM FROM HOME

Story Hour | October 2020

### Getting Ready for Winter

#### *Look!*

What is going on in this picture?

What do you see that makes you say that?

What more can you find?

#### *Learn!*

What do you do to get ready for winter?

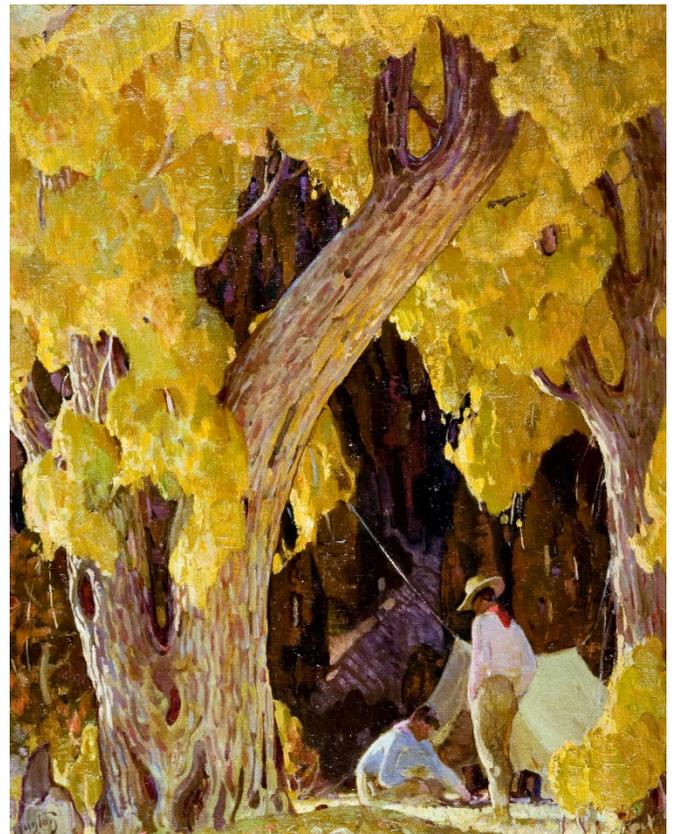
Do you get extra blankets out of the closet?

Do you find warm socks?

Do you make warm foods like soup?

These people are camping. They are on a hunt for deer. Do you know someone who hunts for deer?

William Herbert Dunton is the artist who made this painting. He wanted to show deer hunters out in their camp in the woods.



William Herbert Dunton, *Deer Hunters' Camp*, circa 1926, Oil on canvas, 19 3/4 × 15 3/4 in. Gift of Mrs. George J. (Evelyn) Openhym. 78.28 F.

Look at the painting. Do you think they are getting ready to go hunting? Or have they just come back from hunting all day? What makes you say that?



### *Do!*

Let's have some fun making a painting of your own to remind you that it's time to get ready for winter.

#### **Handprint Tree Painting**

You can make your own tree painting (two different ways!) with your hands!



#### Supplies:

- Paints – red, green, yellow (optional: blue and brown – mix red and green to make brown)
- Paper towels
- White or light colored paper
- Cup of water
- Optional: paint brush, cotton balls or q-tips, balled up piece of paper or foil to provide different leaf textures

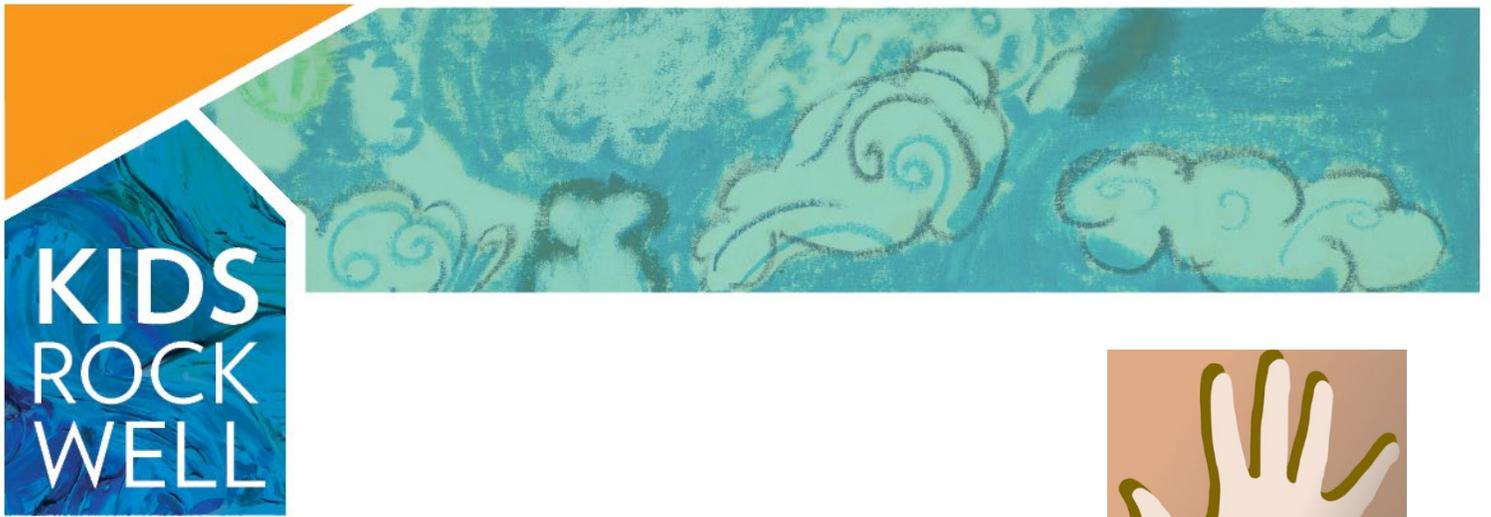
#### Directions:

- If you don't already have brown paint, mix some of your red and green together. Start with equal parts of each color, then add more of one color to get the brown you like. Isn't it amazing?
- You have two options here:



#### **More messy version:**

1. Put brown paint on the palm and fingers of your hand. This will be the top of the tree and branches.
2. Press your hand on the paper, about 2/3 of the way up the paper.
3. Using a couple of fingers, dip them into the brown paint to make a tree trunk
4. Now wash those hands! ☺ This will give the tree a few minutes to dry a bit.
5. Use your other colors and one fingertip or other tools to add leaves all around the top. You can make some falling from the tree and on the ground, too. Don't forget to add some brown acorns for the squirrels!



**Less messy (but just as fun!) version:**

1. Trace your hand and about 4” of your forearm on a piece of paper and cut out. Lay it on your paper (maybe a tiny bit of glue stick to hold it down)
2. Using paint brush or cotton balls or balled up piece of paper, dip into paint and dot onto your paper where the fingers are. You can even show some on the ground or falling from the tree. Don't forget to add some brown acorns for the squirrels!
3. Remove your traced hand to reveal a tree trunk and branches!



When you look at your painting, you can remember all the things that animals and people do to get ready for winter. Talk about what you will do to get ready.