



Two adorable arctic hares to choose from depending on age using value as an element of art.

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**Animals in Adversity**

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Grades: K - 8th  
Time: Two, 40 minute sessions



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## The Arctic Hare Lives Well

When was the last time you saw a bunny rabbit? Do you own a bunny rabbit? Does one of your friends own a bunny rabbit? Maybe you've been to a zoo or a petting zoo and seen a bunny rabbit. Maybe you even got to pet one and feel its soft fur. Bunny rabbits are really cute and pretty tame. There is another kind of rabbit that is completely different. The Arctic Hare is a large rabbit and you probably haven't seen one since they live in the Arctic.

The Arctic Hare is unique in many ways. They have lots of soft fur like a bunny rabbit but their fur changes with the seasons. During the snowy season their fur turns white to match the snow. During the summer season they have

grey and brown fur to match the summer terrain. The color of their fur helps them hide from larger animals that would like to eat them.

The Arctic Hare also is bigger than a bunny rabbit and can be two feet long. They also have long back legs that help them move really fast, up to 35 miles an hour. That's running really fast. They can also change directions instantly so it's hard for larger animals to chase them down. Their back legs have big feet, padded with fur to help them move on the snow. Their front feet have long claws to dig in the snow for food. They also dig in the snow to burrow under the snow to stay warm. Another way they stay warm is joining with other

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hares as they burrow together and use their body heat to keep each other warm. It's important to stay warm in the Arctic. However, their idea of warm is a lot colder than our idea of warm. They live in temperatures below freezing and are glad when they can burrow with other hares to warm up to freezing, 32 degrees. That's an amazing way to live but it is the normal life of an Arctic hare.

The Bible talks to us about being content or happy in every situation and all circumstances. In Philippians 4:12, it says "I know how to get along with humble means and I also know how to live in prosperity, in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, being in abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

The Arctic Hare learns to live freezing and warm, hungry and well fed, in safety and in danger. Like the Arctic hare, God tells us we have the ability to live through every situation and circumstance. Not because we have great fur or can run really fast but because He strengthens us. We live well when we look to Him for strength. God is always available to give us the strength we need. It's important to be thankful when things are good and when things are bad. We know God will give us the strength to live well all the time. If He cares for the Arctic hare, we know He cares for us so much more.

By Pastor Larry Conant



# Arctic Hare

A contour line drawing of an arctic hare using value as an element of art.

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## Objectives

- ★ To create a contour line drawing of an arctic hare in the correct proportions and show value as an element of art.

- ★ 12 by 18 80 lb art paper
- ★ Gray oil pastel
- ★ Purple crayola marker
- ★ Black oil pastel

## Supplies

- ★ Tempera paint in a royal blue, turquoise, purple, lime green and green

Art Terms: Contour line, value and texture as elements of art, and cool colors.

## Arctic Hare

Let's learn some facts about Arctic Hares!

- ★ Arctic Hares are one of the largest living lagomorphs (mammals which include pikas, rabbits and hares).
- ★ They live in the Arctic Circle. This includes far northern parts of Canada, Newfoundland, several Arctic islands, and Greenland.
- ★ The Arctic Hare's coat changes colors with the seasons. In the summer it is grey or grey-brown and in the winter it is white.
- ★ The white coat in the winter provides camouflage against the snow and ice of the Arctic Tundra.
- ★ Their thick coats help them conserve heat and live in very cold climates.

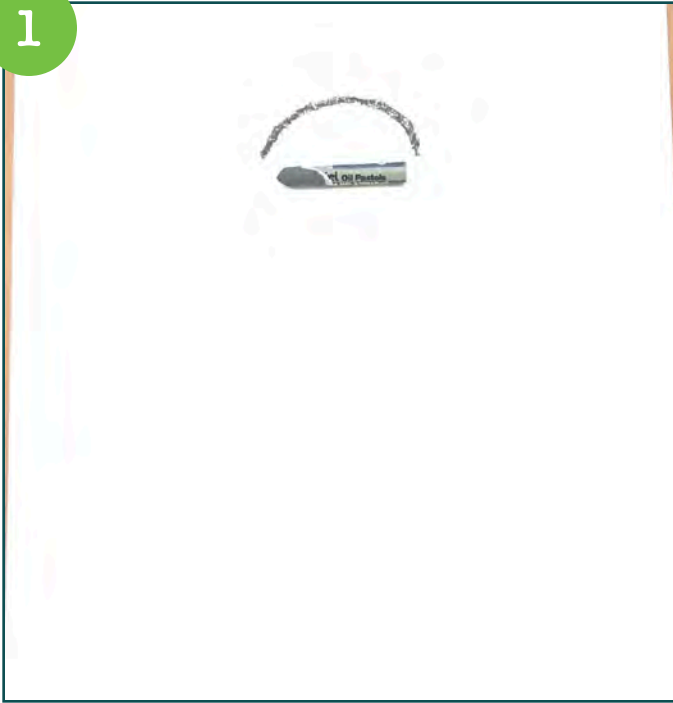
- ★ They have their own sunglasses! Their black eyelashes shield their eyes from the glare of the sun on the snow and ice.
- ★ They have black tips on the top of their ears.



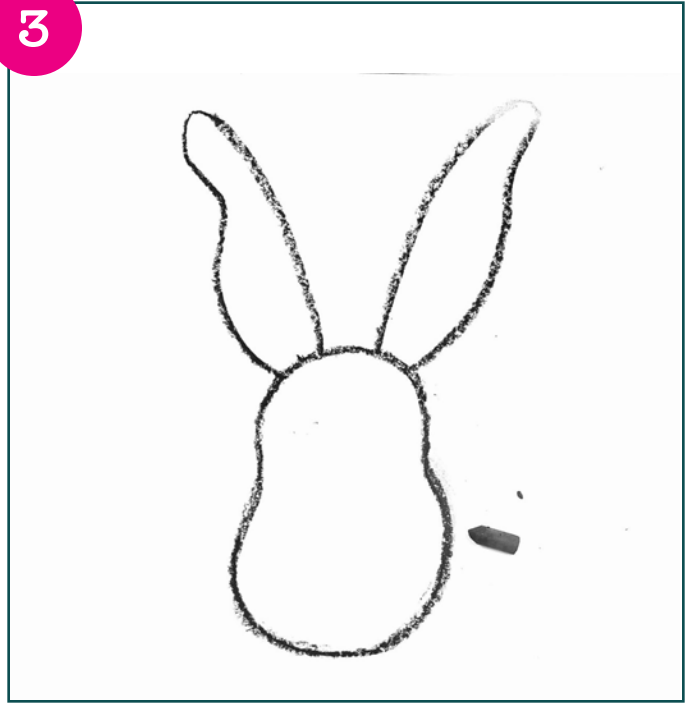


# To Create Your Arctic Hare

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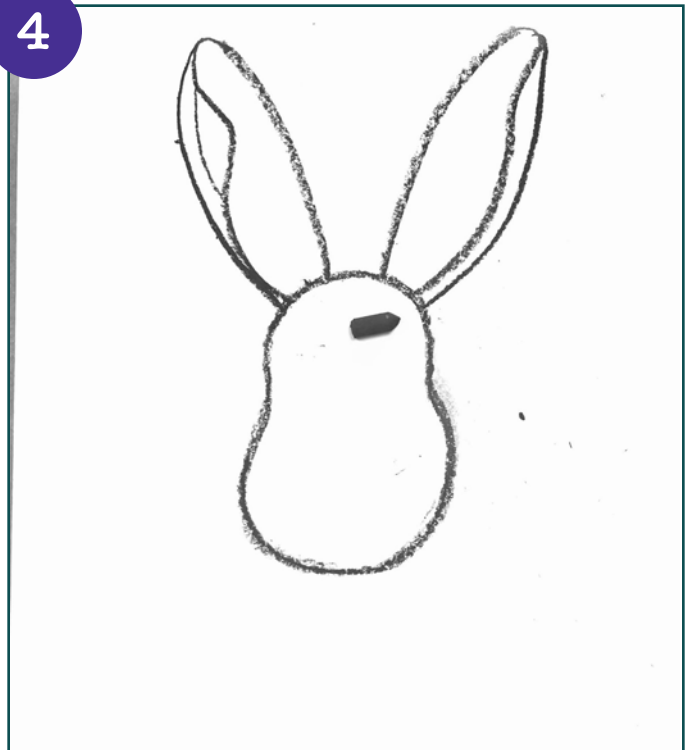
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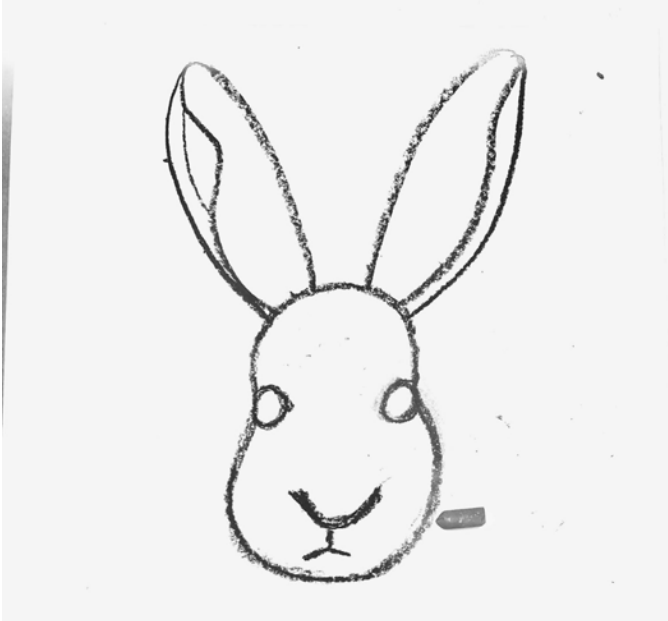


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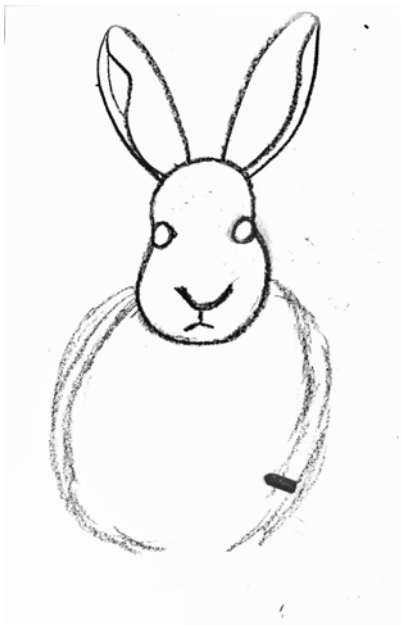
- 5 See how the head is from the top down till about the middle of the paper?



- 7 Add fur lines in oil pastel. The oil pastel will resist the paint and show. This is also using texture as an element of art.



- 6 Now lightly sketch out the body to a little up from the bottom of the paper. (about 2 inches)



- 8 Make egg sized ovals for the front feet right at the bottom of the paper

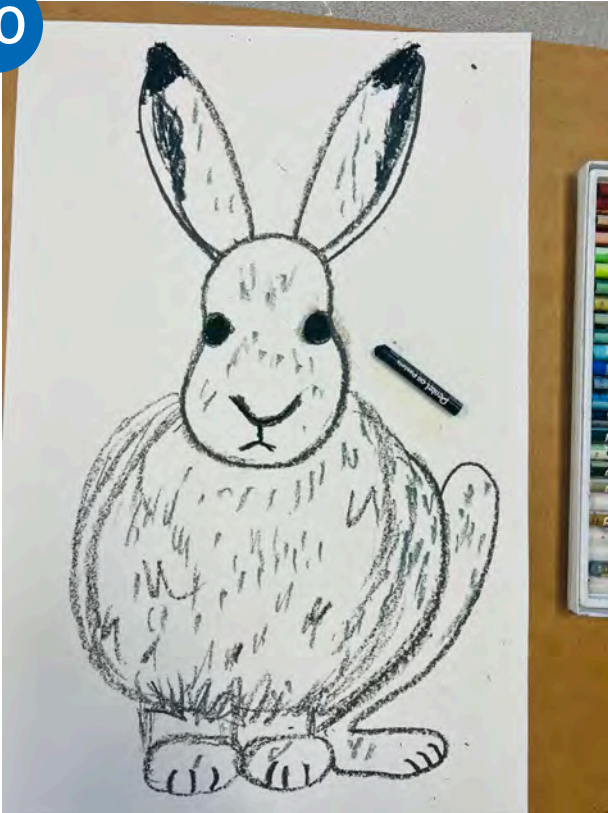


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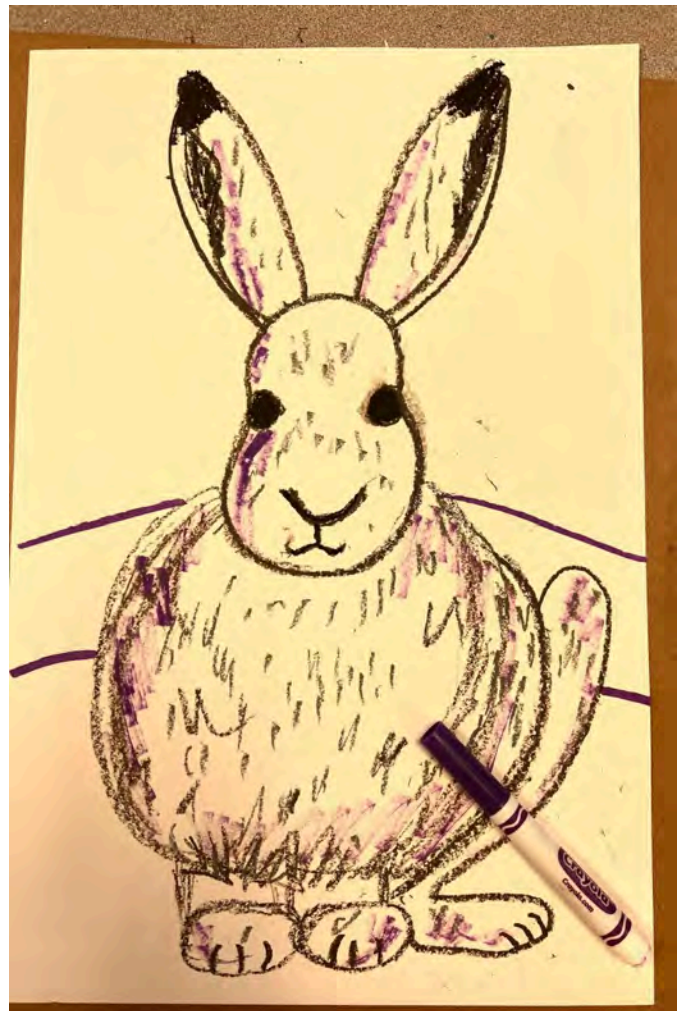


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Use a crayola purple marker and add a couple of lines in the middle of the paper to make snowy hills. Also use the purple marker to color in some sections around the hare's body. When we paint the hare white, the water from the paint will make the marker bleed and show value as an element of art.





## Lesson Steps, Continued

**12** See how the marker with the water added spreads out onto the hare around the edges? Value is the element of art that makes 2D objects look more 3D.



**13** For the background, you can use acrylic or tempera in the cool colors. To show the northern lights. The cool colors are purple, green and blue.



**14** Paint sections of the colors like shown below.



**15** To finish the arctic hare, add a little purple marker at the base to the right of his feet then add water. This will make it look like the hare has a cast shadow, using value as an element of art again.





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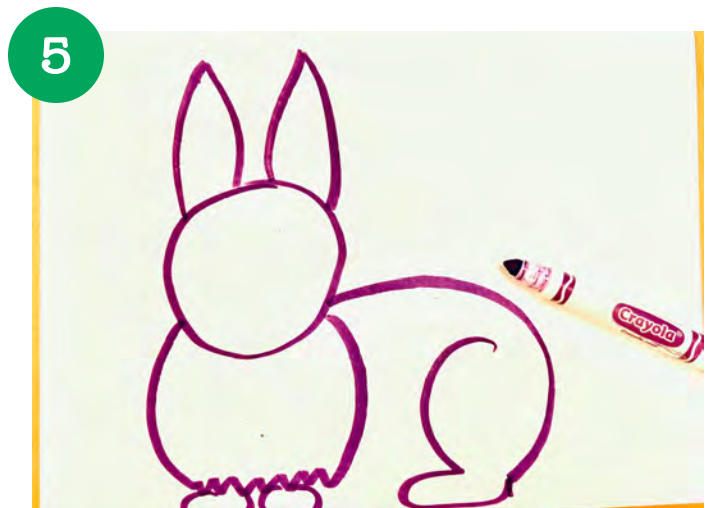
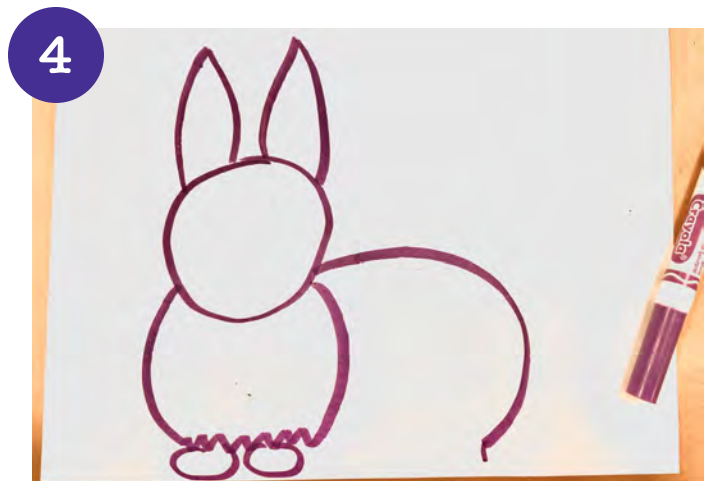
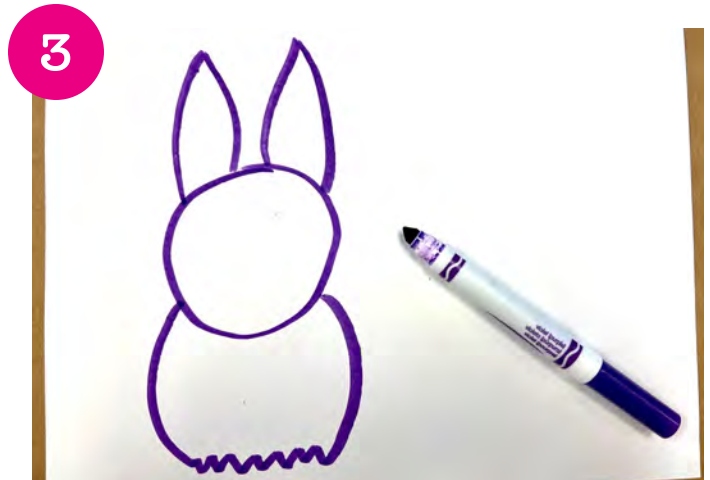
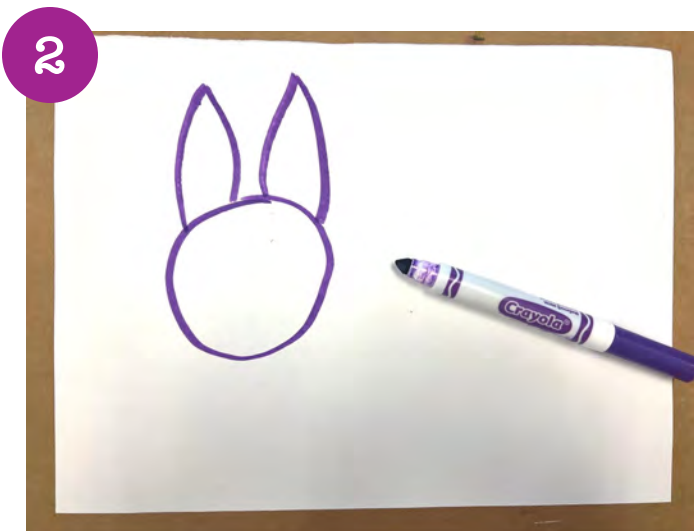
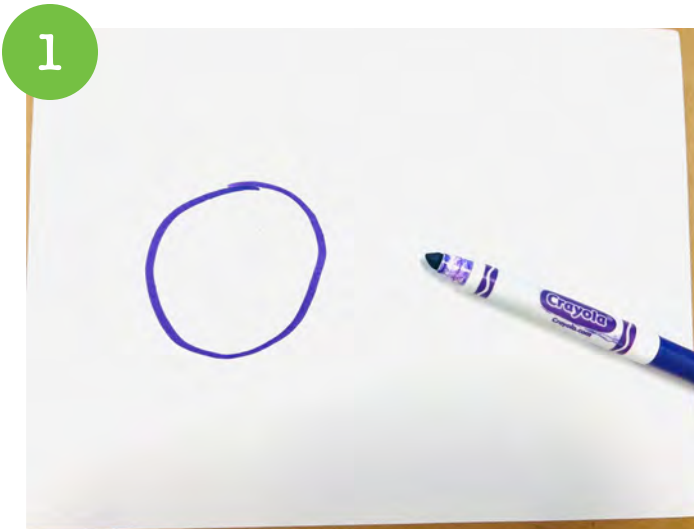
Here is an example of the hare done on a pink piece of paper with oil pastels for the northern light background instead of paint.



# To Create Your Arctic Hare

## For Younger Kids

Follow these steps using a purple marker to draw the hare. You can trace a sour cream lid for the circle to trace his face if you would like to.





## Lesson Steps, Continued

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Use a black oil pastel to add some texture fur lines. Color the inside of his ears and his eyes black also.



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Now use water on top of the marker to show value as an element of art.



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Make diagonal lines in cool colored oil pastels.

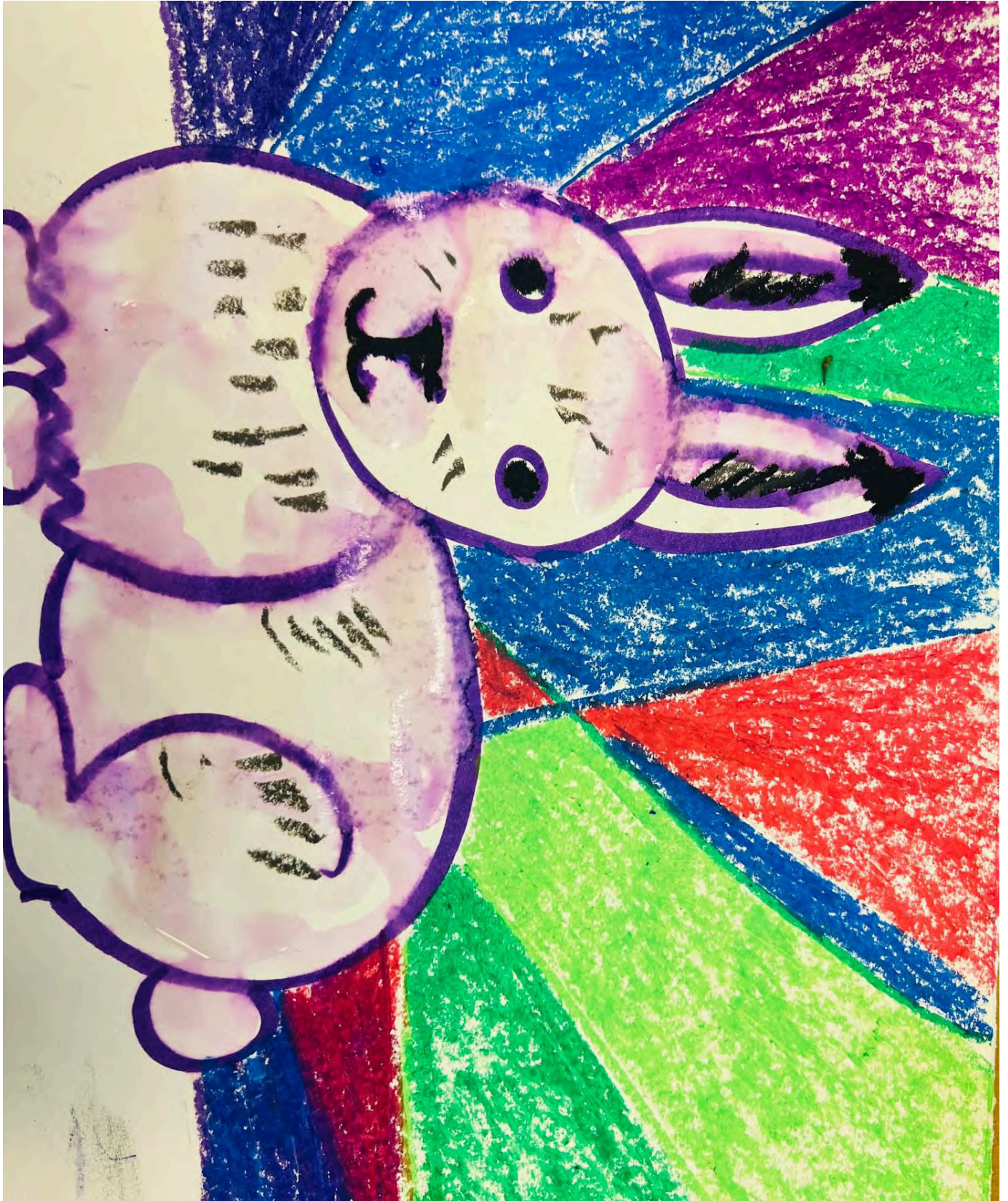


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Now color the angles in solid color using oil pastels for the background northern lights.



## Lesson Steps, Continued





# The Arctic Hare

## I Learned so I Can Statements

- ★ I learned about **contour line drawing** so that I can draw the outside and the inside lines of my arctic hare.
- ★ I learned about **proportion** as a principle of design so that I can draw my hair the correct size filling up my piece of paper which is called the picture plane.
- ★ I learned about **oil pastel resist** and **texture**, which is an element of art, so that I can add oil pastel fur lines that resist the paint.
- ★ I learned about **value** as an element of art so that I can show value around the edges of the hairs body and underneath his feet using a purple water soluble marker.

## What I like about my art...

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