

### Finish the Scene: Autumn

Cut out the center of the provided autumn landscape. Glue it on canvas then paint the scenery around the collaged image. Sharpen your attention to detail while creating a lovely piece of art.

#### You will need:

- [Autumn scene](#) printed in color on card stock
- 8" X 8" canvas board
- Acrylic craft paint in assorted fall colors including white
- Painting supplies
  - Thin paintbrushes (fine line to 1/4"-wide)
  - Palette or similar
  - Water
  - Paper towels
- Glue stick
- Pencil
- Scissors



Display a picture of a completed [Finish the Scene: Autumn](#) project to get artists excited to try this art project.

#### Directions:

1. Fold the autumn scene in half along the dashed lines. Cut off the white border and then the smaller square in the middle.
2. Align the edges of the 8" scene, without the center, to the edges of the canvas. Trace the empty square in the middle with a pencil.



3. Glue the cut-out square to the canvas following your outline.
4. Begin painting the rest of the scene around the center. Use the image you cut the center out of as a reference as you paint. Start with large blocks of color in shades of yellow, green, and light purple for the sky and wooded areas just above the wheat field.
5. Add dark brown tree trunks and branches. Vary the thicknesses of the strokes, so the trunks are wider than the branches. Use a small brush and white paint to add subtle highlights to the trees.

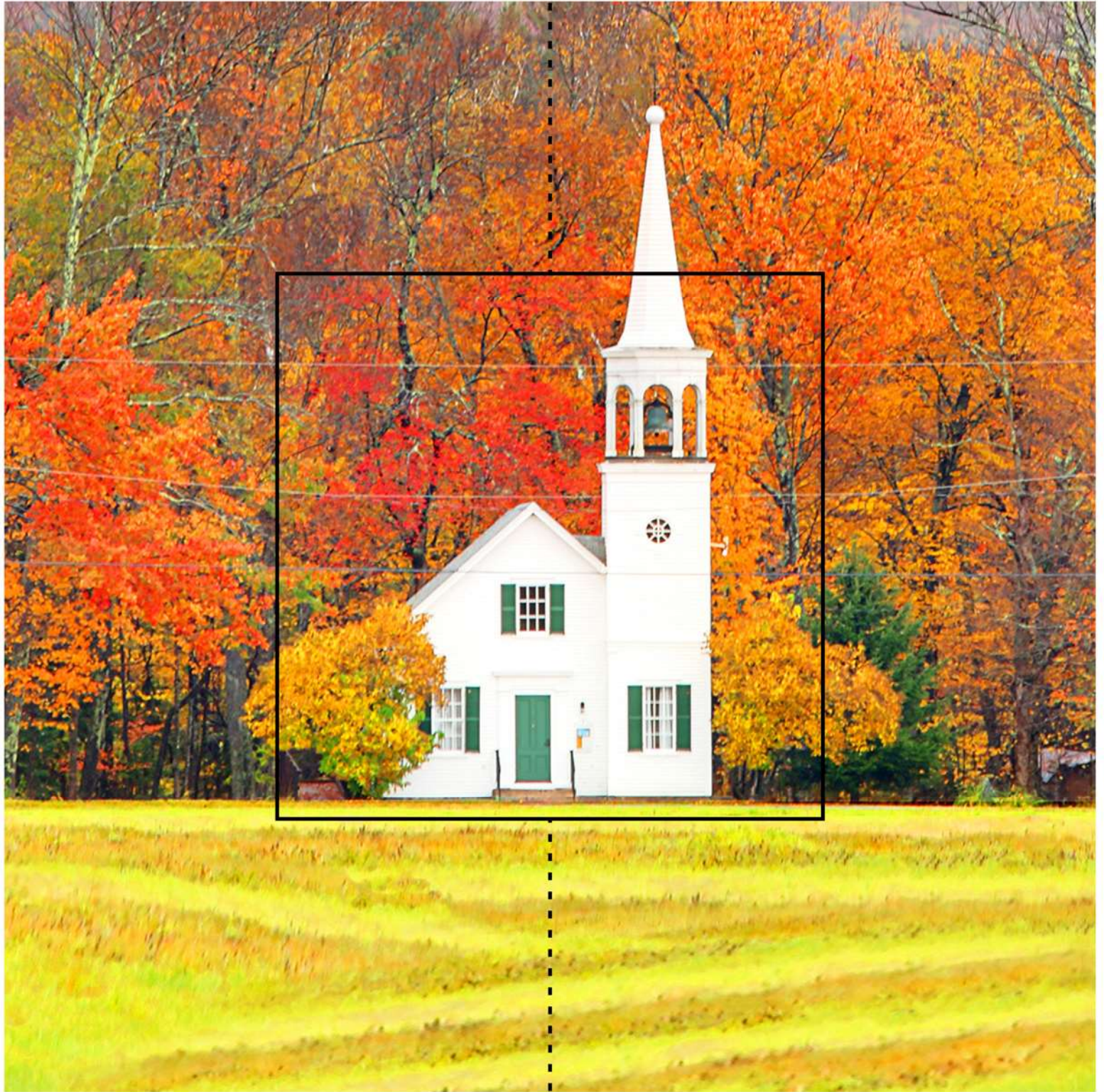


6. Dab bright colors like red and orange onto the trees for autumn foliage and green for the pine tree.
7. Paint the rest of the steeple white. Look at the printed painting and consider adding more details. For example, darken the tree trunks or add more branches.

**Variation:** For a more surreal artwork, use different colors than the ones on the original painting, or add your own surprising elements to the scene.

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