

Spencer Museum of Art

Art Cart at Home: Winter Trees



Kawase Hasui, [Senzoku no Ike](#)
([Snow on Senszoku Pond](#))



Isabel Schreiber, [untitled](#)



Ansel Adams,
[Oak Tree, Snowstorm, Yosemite National](#)
[Park, California](#)

This activity is inspired by the beauty of trees, especially during the winter months.

For this Art Cart you will create a tree calligram. A calligram is a picture or image made from words associated with that image. Click [here](#) for some examples of calligrams.

Look closely at these three works of art that feature winter trees. Click on the titles or search the Spencer's [online collection](#) to learn more about the artworks. You can also find more images of trees on the Spencer's [Picturing Winter Trees](#) webpage.

Trees are important to life on this planet. They provide oxygen, food, shade, shelter, and many other things.

- * **What words would you use to describe your favorite tree?**
- * **How do trees change depending on the season?**
- * **What is your fondest memory of trees?**

INSTRUCTIONS

For the activity you will need:

- * Three sheets of plain, white paper
- * One tree template print out (included here)
- * One pencil
- * One pen
- * Tape (optional)

Use the materials to create a tree calligram:

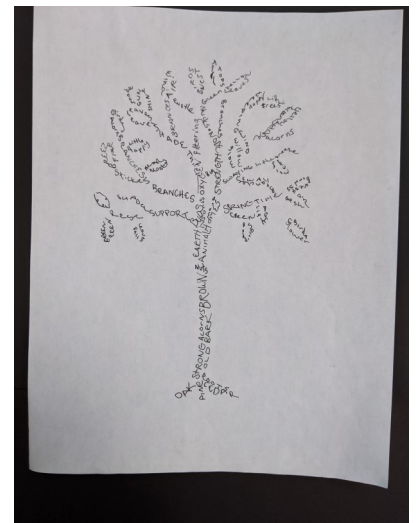
1. With one sheet of paper and a pencil, write down words that you would use to describe your favorite tree. What are some other words that make you think of trees?
2. Print the tree template.
3. Lay one piece of white paper over the tree template so that the black shows through. You might want to tape the two pieces of paper together so they don't slide.
4. With either a pencil or pen, start filling in your tree with the words that you thought of. You can stick to the template, or branch out.
5. When you are finished, try creating another calligram with different words!



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

