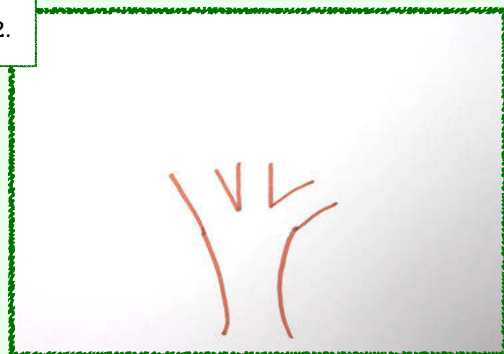**1.**

Start by drawing two vertical lines that curve outwards towards the top. This is the trunk - it should be the thickest part of your tree.

2.

Next, create three main branches from the trunk, by drawing two tilted 'V's. Make the trunk lines a bit longer to create the other side of each outer branch.

3.

In the centre of each of these branches, draw another 'V' and then make the outer branch lines longer to create the other sides of each one.

4.

Continue to draw 'V's in the centre of each of these branches, and make the outer branch lines longer to create the other sides of each one. Make sure that each layer of 'Y's become shorter and thinner.

5.

As you extend your branches, they will probably cross over each other at some points. Do not draw through the branches you have already created - make it look like they are growing behind those you have already drawn.

6.

When you think your tree has enough branches, on the final layer, join the outer side of each branch to each side of the 'V' in its centre.
You have finished drawing your tree!

The first layer:
The Background

Use a light grey paint to create the background. Fill the bottom two-thirds of the sheet in this colour. Paint your trees in the top third of the sheet. These trees need to be the smallest in your picture. Leave this layer to dry before moving on to the next one.

The second layer:
The Mid-ground

Use a medium grey paint to create the mid-ground. Fill the bottom half of the sheet in this colour. Paint your trees in the top half of the sheet. These trees need to be bigger than those in the first layer. You may need to paint over parts of these trees - this helps to create depth.

The third layer:
The Foreground

Use black paint to create the foreground. Fill the bottom quarter of the sheet in this colour. Paint your trees in the top three-quarters of the sheet. These trees need to be the largest in your picture. They can be painted as if they are 'growing' off the paper.
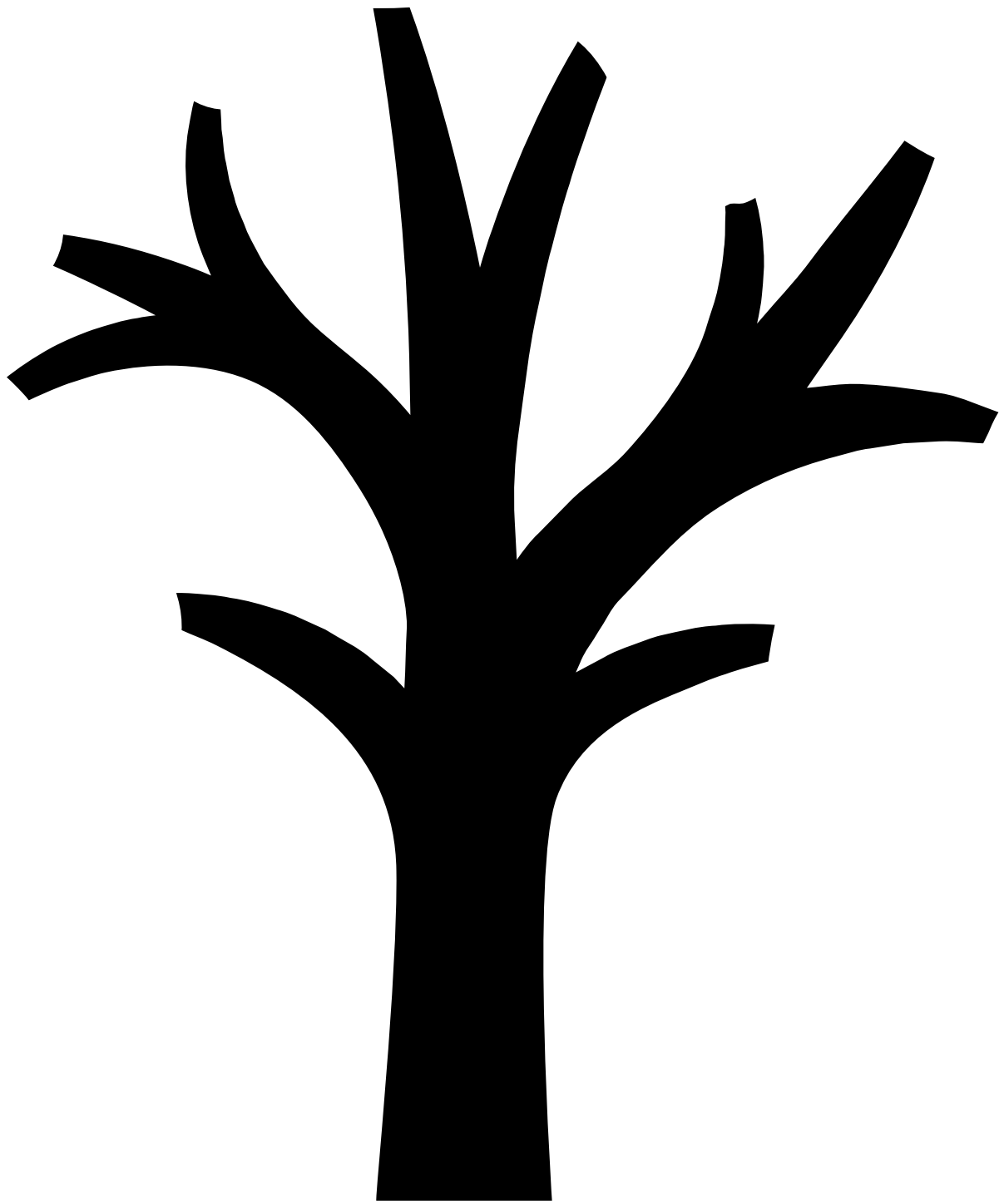
Challenge 1:

Paint a simple forest scene which has two layers (background and foreground). Paint at least two trees on each layer.
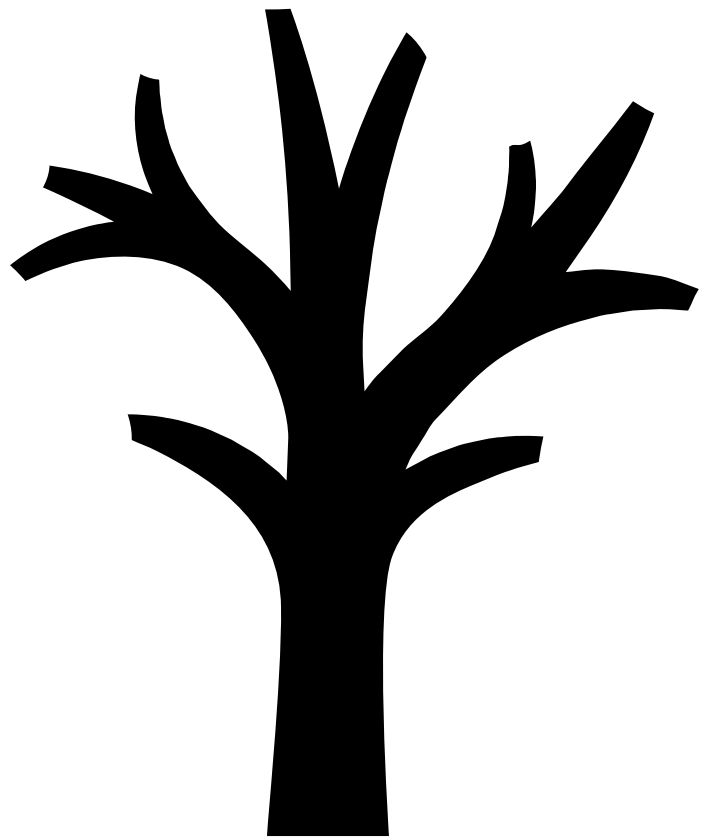
Challenge 2:

Paint a forest scene which has three layers. Paint at least two trees on each layer.

Challenge 3:

Paint a forest scene which has four layers (background, two mid-grounds, foreground). Paint at least two trees on each layer.

1.

You will need: four pieces of card, all different shades of the same colour; the Tree Templates; scissors, a pencil and some double-sided sticky tape.

2.

On the card which is the <u>second lightest</u> in colour, use the <u>small</u> Tree Template to create an outline of a tree. Make sure you place it at the <u>top</u> of the piece of card.

3.

Once you have drawn the outline of the number of trees you want on this first layer, join the bottom of the trunks together with a line. Now carefully cut out.

4.

On the back of this first layer, place double-sided sticky tape around the edges of the card and on the main branches of the trees.

5.

Carefully align this first layer on top of the piece of card which is the lightest in colour. Gently press down so the sticky tape secures the two pieces of card together.

6.

On the card which is the <u>second darkest</u> in colour, use the <u>medium</u> Tree Template to create an outline of a tree. Again, place it at the <u>top</u> of the piece of card.

7.

Once you have drawn the outline of the number of trees you want on this second layer, join the bottom of the trunks together with a line. Now carefully cut out.

8.

On the back of this second layer, place double-sided sticky tape around the edges of the card and on the main branches of the trees.

9.

Carefully align the second layer on top of the first layer , making sure the bottom edges of the card line up together. Gently press down.

10.

On the card which is the <u>darkest</u> in colour, use the <u>large</u> Tree Template to create an outline of a tree. Again, place it at the <u>top</u> of the piece of card.

11.

Join the bottom of the trunks together with a line, and then carefully cut out. Place double-sided sticky tape around the edges of the card and on the tree branches.

12.

Carefully align the third layer on top of the second layer , making sure the bottom edges of the card line up together. Gently press down.