



Wheatstacks or Cupcakes?



This painting is called *Wheatstacks, Snow Effect, Morning* and was made in 1891 by French painter Claude Monet.



Create your own wheatstacks!

Claude Monet painted these wheatstacks more than 30 times! He loved to paint his subjects over and over again at different times of day and during different seasons to record the changes in color and light. Look at the shadows cast by the wheatstacks, and imagine where the sun might have been in the sky when Monet was painting them.

In this activity, you can make your own wheatstacks like Monet's and observe how the colors and shadows change in different kinds of light.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Scissors, tape, and something to color with (like crayons or markers)

WHAT TO DO:

CREATE YOUR WHEATSTACKS

- Step 1 Color in the wheatstacks.
- Step 2 Cut each wheatstack out along the outline.
- Step 3 Fold each wheatstack along the dotted lines.

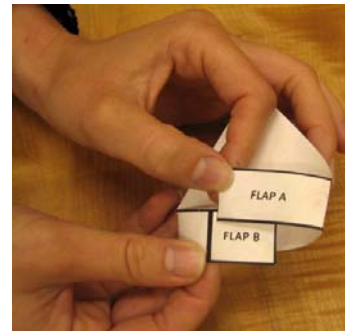




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Step 4

Overlap Flap A over Flap B so that the edge of Flap A meets the solid black line on Flap B.



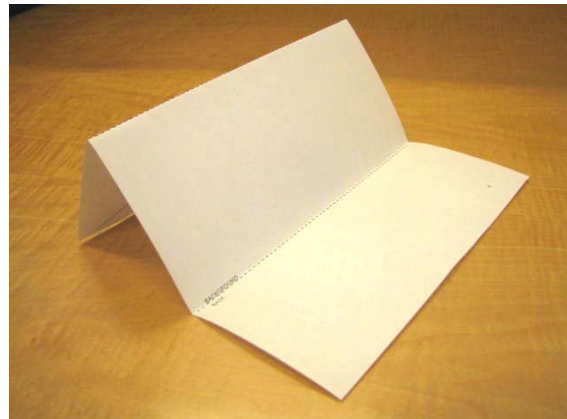
Step 5

Stand up each of your wheatstacks.

CREATE YOUR SETTING

Step 6

Fold the Setting page along the two dotted lines—fold them in opposite directions.



Step 7

Color in the “Base” and “Background” sections.

PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

Step 8

Stand each wheatstack up on the base of your folded Setting page.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT

Step 9

Place your creation near a lamp or sunny location. Notice how the colors and shadows change if the light changes.

WANT TO DO MORE???

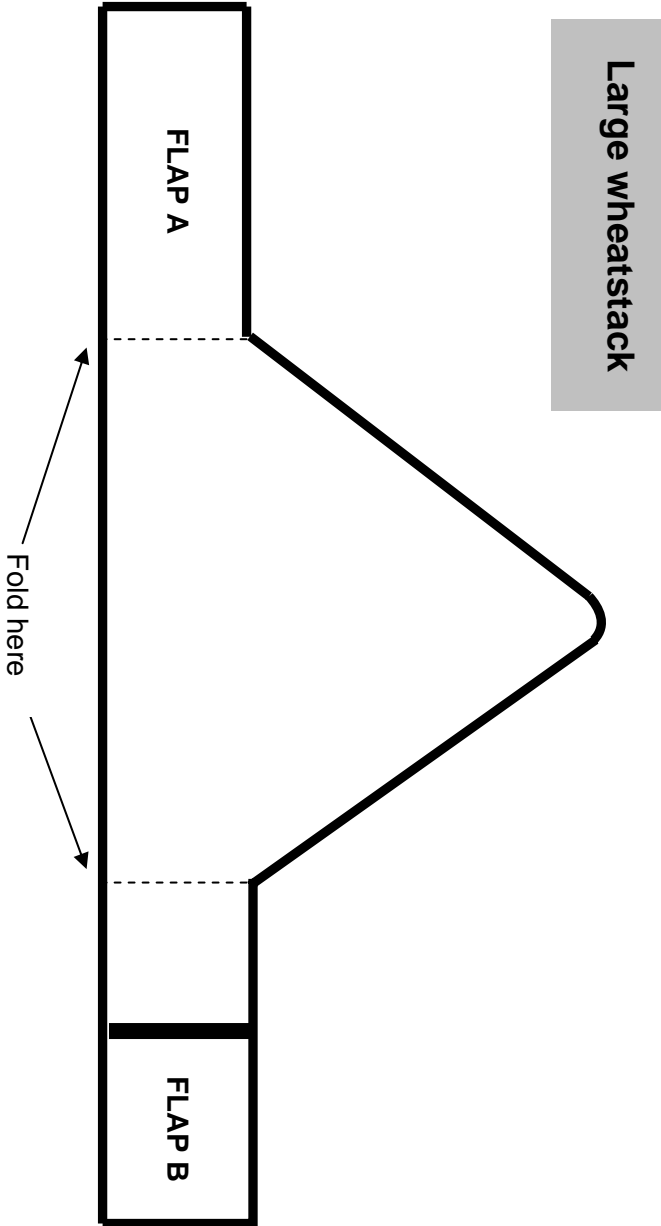
With an adult, try making cupcakes and use thick frosting to decorate your own edible wheatstacks! You can mix food coloring with white frosting to make lots of colors, just like Monet.



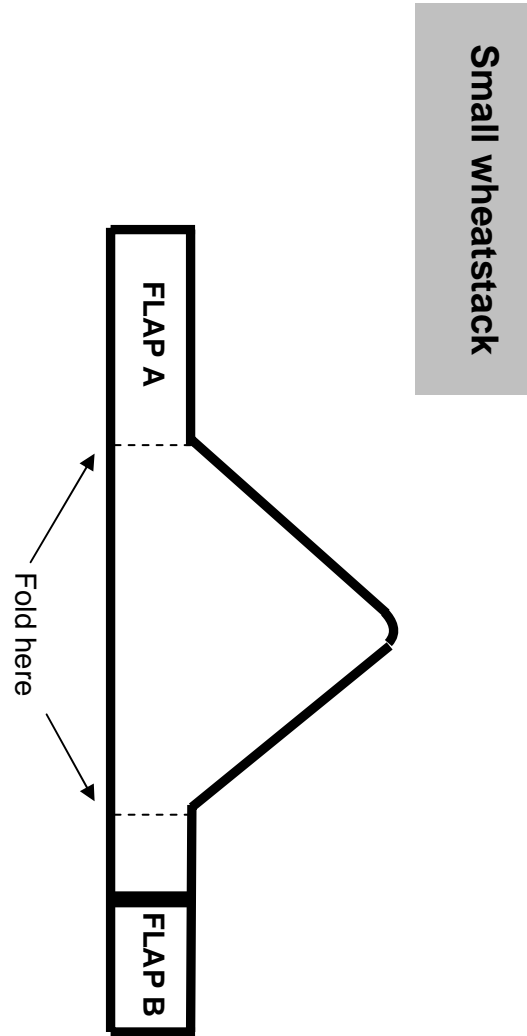


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WHEATSTACKS



Large wheatstack



Small wheatstack



SETTING



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BACKGROUND

BASE