

# How to Make a 3D Narnia Lamp-post Picture



To start, you will need cardstock or photo paper. You will need to make 3 copies of the picture included at the end of this tutorial for each student. Before you do that, you will need to copy it to your favorite editing program (Microsoft Works or Word or whatever program you are comfortable with) and resize it to just under 8 x 10 inches. You will want to have the white borders cut off of one of the pictures because it will be the base that will fit into the frame.



Next, you will cut the outlines of the three trees in the right foreground, the lamp-post, and then a rough cut of the hanging branches in the top left foreground. There is nothing overly scientific here, just cut where it looks good to you. You can also cut any other features that you would like to emphasize. No rules in art--just what you like!!! With the third picture, cut the left front overhanging trees and then the tree on the right that is the closest. In the picture below, you can see the forms that I cut for the middle layer on the left side of the picture and the forms for the top layer are on the right side of the picture. The one thing that you do need to make sure to do is cut the layers that are going on to the base picture about  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch inside the edge of the base picture so that if the picture is going to be framed, the layers don't get squashed down by the edges of the frame and will keep their 3D look.



Notice that the left foreground trees don't have to be perfectly cut for the middle layer. The middle is only there to give height to the top layer, so it is okay to cut it shorter than the top layer and not worry about exactly where to cut it.



Now you just add foam adhesive squares to the places on your picture that you will be adding the layers. Be careful that the squares don't end up too much to either side of the items you are covering. They need to stay completely hidden. You can get the foam squares at any craft store or on amazon (or whatever your favorite online store is). Recently, I even saw them at my local dollar store. Here is what they look like:



And here is what your picture should look like once you get the middle layer squares on:



Now put on the pieces that you cut out! Super easy! It should already be looking great.



Now all you have to do is add the adhesive squares to the left foreground overhanging trees and the right foreground tree.



Your final step is to add the last two pieces onto the picture and it's done! It's hard to see the layers clearly, but in real life it really pops!



This is a perfect craft for students of most ages to do because it can be done in about 20- 30 minutes tops. It won't suck up all of your class time and it doesn't need a huge amount of supervision. They can do what they want with it. You can put it into a shadowbox frame and it looks amazing. I just send the picture home with the kids along with a note to the parents that if they want to put it in a shadowbox frame, they can be found in most crafting stores and usually can be purchased with a 40 or 50% off coupon, making it quite affordable.

