

**Mini Art Lesson:**

*Winter Scene in Brooklyn* by Francis Guy

We're taking inspiration from one of our favorite artworks, *Winter Scene in Brooklyn* by Francis Guy, in today's Mini Art Lesson! Say, sing, or shout the sounds in the painting with kids ages 2-6, or create your own street scene from outside your window using cardboard and markers. Feel free to adapt and shift the activities in a way that will best fit your family!

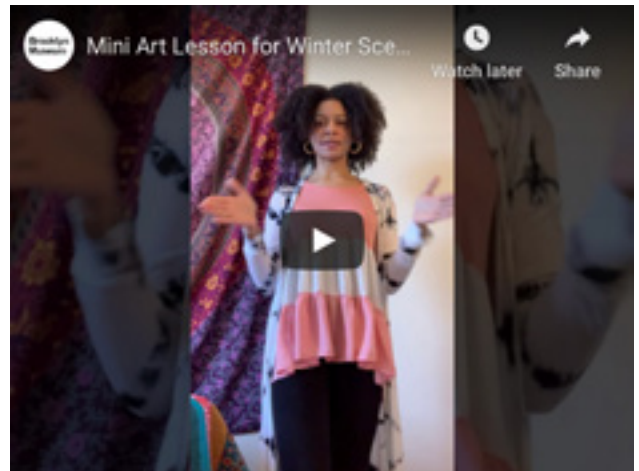


●FOR TEACHERS, CAREGIVERS, AND PARENTS

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**FOR AGES 2-6:  
LET'S PLAY**

Parents and caregivers can lead this one! Look at this artwork and ask: What does this artwork sound like? Make a list of all the sounds. Then, say, sing, or shout the sounds together. Take it further by singing a simple song as you discover different animals in the painting! For example, [here's a song by Museum Educator Tayler Milburn.](#)



**FOR AGES 7+:  
LET'S CREATE**

Francis Guy made this artwork by painting what he saw outside his window. What do you see from your window?



FOR AGES 7+:  
LET'S CREATE

Use markers and cardboard to draw buildings, trees, benches, and other items on your street. (A)

Everyone in Francis Guy's painting is an actual person who lived in Brooklyn when this was made in 1820. Who are the people in your neighborhood? (B)

Draw them and add them to your scene. (C)

You can rearrange the people and tell a different story each day! (D)

A



B



C



D



From top: Francis Guy (American, 1760–1820). *Winter Scene in Brooklyn*, circa 1819–20. Oil on canvas. Brooklyn Museum; Transferred from the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to the Brooklyn Museum, 97.13. (Photo: Brooklyn Museum) For ages 2–6: (Photo: Still from Tayler Milburn video, Brooklyn Museum) For ages 7+: (Photos: Noé Gaytán, Brooklyn Museum)