Make art with the Art Gallery of New South Wales

Four seasons
Do you love to draw and paint?

Artists love to create. Japanese art is rich in symbols and images relating to the four seasons – spring, summer, autumn and winter. The seasonal images in these artworks are decorated with leaves and flowers from different times of the year. What colours remind you of the four seasons?
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Design your own panels depicting the four seasons, using images from nature and different colours.

You will need:
- Pencil
- Paint, coloured markers or colouring pencils
- Your imagination!

clockwise from right:
Nakabayashi Chikkei
Summer landscape 1860, hanging scroll; ink and colour on paper, Art Gallery of New South Wales, purchased 1981;
Kitaoka Fumio Moss garden 1972, colour woodcut, Art Gallery of New South Wales, bequest of Kenneth Myer 1993 © Estate of Kitaoka Fumio;
Kawabata Gyokushō Cherry blossoms and maples 1900s (cover detail), pair of two-panel screens; ink, colour and gold dust on paper, Art Gallery of New South Wales, DG Wilson Bequest Fund 1997.

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