

MAKE A CALENDAR

DRAWING THE SEASONS



Gustave Baumann, *Packard Twin-Six*, 1917, color woodcut, 13.75 × 9.6875 in.
Museum purchase with funds raised by the School of American Research, 1952 (1577C.23G).

Like many artists, Gustave Baumann was inspired by the seasons when he created his artwork, including the woodcut he made for this calendar.

Familiar places look very different with each season. Think about how the landscape changes color as the weather gets colder or warmer.

Consider the things you do differently in each season. What grows each month of the year? In the autumn, you will find pumpkins, while in spring you will see cherry blossoms and lilacs. Each season brings changes.

- **Look around, what do you see that tells you what season it is?**
- **What season do you think it is in Baumann's artwork on this calendar?**

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Gustave Baumann,
clockwise from top left:

Spring Blossoms, 1950, color woodcut with aluminum leaf, 12 × 12.75 in. Museum purchase with funds raised by the School of American Research, 1952 (986.23G).

Summer Shadows, 1917, color woodcut, 9.625 × 11.25 in. Museum purchase with funds raised by the School of American Research, 1952 (872.23G).

All the Year Round - January, 1912, color woodcut, 8 × 6.25 in. Museum purchase with funds raised by the School of American Research, 1952 (866B.23G).

Autumnal Glory 1921, color woodcut, 13 × 13 in. Museum purchase with funds raised by the School of American Research, 1952 (942.23G).

Look at these examples by the artist Gustave Baumann. What makes each season unique? Either through your imagination or observation, think about these qualities:

- **What does it smell like?**
- **What sounds do you hear?**
- **What colors do you see?**
- **What is different from one season to the next?**

For example, in the spring there is a lot of color: pink flower buds, bright, green, new leaves, and blooming trees and shrubs. But, by autumn, these colors have changed and, by winter, many of them are gone, replaced by perhaps snow. You may also want to think about the holidays that each season brings and the festivities that you may participate in.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Draw pictures of your favorite places in New Mexico using spring, summer, fall, and winter as your inspiration throughout the year. Create a calendar of your own using images that you draw from the different seasons.

- **Fill in the month and dates, then make your own artwork in the top space.**