

TEXTURE SAFARI

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

Gather the following materials:

- Crayon pucks, crayons or oil pastels
- Flat natural objects such as leaves, sticks, feathers, flowers
- Smock
- Painter's or masking tape
- Water container
- Paintbrush (ideally watercolour brush)
- Watercolour Paints
- Blank paper (Choose a piece of paper that is not too heavy)

** Feel free to be creative and use anything you find around the house. Be sure to ask your parent or guardian for permission first!*

Gather materials together and clear a flat workspace. Look around your home, yard or neighbourhood for small, flat objects you can use to create your rubbing.



STEP 2: LAY OUT THE OBJECTS AND BEGIN YOUR RUBBING

Choose one object at a time and fill a space equal to your piece of paper. Carefully place your piece of paper on top of your objects with one hand so that the paper doesn't move.

TIP: Parents can help by holding the paper down so it doesn't move.



STEP 3: COMPLETE YOUR RUBBING

Gently begin colouring back and forth over the objects to pick up the texture.

If you are using regular crayons, try laying them on their side. If you are using crayon pucks, try a gentle circular motion while pressing the puck down flat.



STEP 4: ADD WATERCOLOUR PAINTS ON TOP OF YOUR RUBBING

Wet your paintbrush well, pick your favorite colour and begin brushing it over your rubbing. Remember to rinse your brush and dry it if you're changing colours. Be sure not to apply too much water to your piece of paper, or it may rip!

TIP: Try taping your paper down so it doesn't curl up.



STEP 5: LET IT DRY FLAT AND WATCH THE COLOURS CHANGE

Once you have covered your entire paper with watercolour paint, set it aside to dry completely on a flat surface so that the paint doesn't run.



CHALLENGE YOURSELF: Create your own crayon pucks to make your rubbings pop!

To create your own crayon pucks you will need:

- Old, broken, stubby crayons
- A muffin tray or silicone mould gently oiled
- A heat source like an oven

** Be sure to ask a parent or guardian for help with this!*

Steps:

1. Gather all of your old crayons and divide them into similar colours.
2. Remove all the paper from your crayons.
3. Lightly oil the tin or mould.
4. Cut your crayons into little pieces. Be sure to ask a parent or guardian for help with this.
5. Place your crayon pieces into the mould cups, keeping similar colours together in each cup.
6. Place the tray or mould cups in an oven set at 350°F. Bake for 3–5 minutes, or until crayons have completely melted.
7. Take the tray out of the oven and let it cool completely. You can speed up this process by placing the cooled tray in the freezer for 1–2 hours.
8. Tip your cold tray over onto a flat surface and your pucks should pop right out!



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