

WHAT IS ART?

FAMILY LEARNING ACTIVITY

GOAL: Exploring art materials through printmaking using a monotype technique.

MATERIALS:

- White paper (2-3 sheets)
- Color crayons
- White oil pastel
- Paper towels
- Pencil
- Small container
- Paper clip
- Pen (Optional)
- Bobby pin (optional)
- Large scrap paper (optional)

STEPS:

1. Make a sketch of an image, object, or place that you would like to make an artwork of. Do this with a pencil and one piece of paper. Set your sketch aside for now.
2. Using a different paper, cover the entire surface with color crayons in a design or pattern that you like. Example:



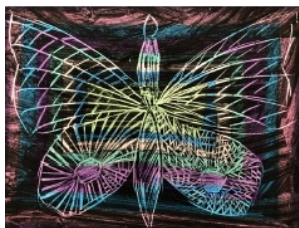
3. Rub down the colors with a paper towel until smooth!
4. Cover all of your colors with a white oil pastel by coloring on top of them (yes, really!).

QUICK TIP:

Make sure to ALWAYS have clean hands so that your etching comes out the way you want it.

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Finished artwork

5. Cover the entire surface (yes, over the colors!). Smooth out the surface with a paper towel again.
6. Now, take out your sketch and use it as a guide to draw on your colored paper.
7. Use your pencil, paper clip (and bobby pins and pens, if you have them) to draw your design.
8. See how your drawing comes to life with color!

DISCUSSION:

- Were there any materials that you did not have? How did you solve that problem?
- Do you think it's possible to make a monotype print with different materials? If so, which materials would you change and to what?
- How would this affect your results?

FUN FACT!



Printmaking has many techniques. Learn about the four basic printmaking techniques in this video:

<https://youtu.be/INoRrp17SJ4>



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