Different Crayon Coloring Techniques



(Crayons) Under Pressure

Vary the pressure on a crayon by pressing hard or lightly to create a deeper or lighter color.

- Vary the pressure in the same scene to create a sense of depth.
- WUSE light pressure to create shadows.
- W Use heavy pressure to create visual dominance.

Flip It & Twirl It

Hold a crayon upside down and roll it between your fingers to make small circles.

Use these O shapes to create pictures with the "pointillism technique".





Get in Line

Tape several crayons together to create a multiple point drawing tool.

- This tool can be used to make stripes or plaids, or multiple lines with an easy stroke.
- The crayon tips should rest evenly on a flat surface when taping.

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Smooth & Shiny

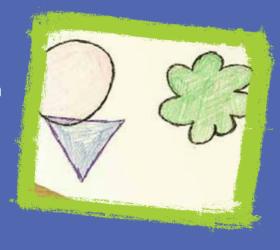
Fill in all shapes with thick crayon layers, which can be polished to a mellow sheen with a soft cloth.

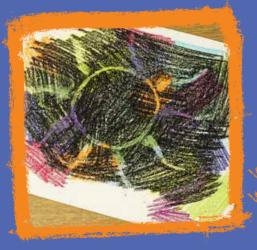
- "Polishing" the crayon will create a smoother look.
- Test out different cloth-like items (dryer sheets, tissues, paper towels) to see which you like most!

Rock that Outline

Use black or dark crayon colors to outline shapes in large murals, child-made big books or wall stories.

- Outlining the objects makes them easy to see from a distance.
- Outlining can also be used for pictures that you want to make look like a cartoon.





Etch to Sketch

Cover a thick layer of crayon with a dense layer of black crayon. Scratch lines through the top layer to reveal colorful layers underneath!

- Use a paper clip or toothpick to scratch away the top layer.
- For your "base" layer of crayon, you can make a random rainbow of color and go for a monochromatic look.