



## Make a Masterpiece

### Sun-Melted Crayon Art

If you're looking for a fun and creative, easy and inexpensive project for a warm summer day, look no further than creating a sun-melted crayon masterpiece.

#### What you need:

- Crayons
- Cookie sheet
- Wax paper
- Stones or something heavy to weigh your paper down if it's breezy
- Optional: Construction paper, scissors, and glue or tape to make a frame for your sun-melted art.



#### What you do:

1. Find a sunny spot. Place a piece of wax paper on a cookie sheet and set it in the sun for a few minutes to heat up.
2. Once the wax paper feels warm to the touch start drawing on it with your crayons.
3. As you begin to draw you'll notice that the heat of the cooking sheet melts the crayon, and the crayon glides more smoothly across the surface of wax paper!
4. When the drawing is finished, peel the wax paper up off the baking sheet.

*Note: There may be some residue on the cookie sheet after doing this project as the coating on the wax paper can melt slightly in the heat of the sun. To remove any residue, simply rinse it off with hot water and dish soap.*



#### Other things to try:

- Try layering two or more colors together and notice how the colors blend together.
- Experiment with writing your name or drawing patterns.
- To display your sun-melted art you can make a frame with construction paper. If you hang the finished masterpiece in a window light shining through can provide another beautiful perspective for your work.
- Scatter a few crayons on the baking sheet to let the sun completely melt them, then squeeze the melted wax out onto separate pieces of paper.
- Attempt a stained-glass type of drawing by outlining a shape or design and tracing it with one color of crayon. If you can, create sections within the larger pattern, then color in the sections with crayons of different colors.