

Coffee Filter Art

Age: 5-9 years

What's needed



Old crayons
Dull knives or Popsicle sticks
Coffee filters
Construction paper
Iron
Foil pie pans, paper plates, or clean meat trays to catch crayon shavings

What to do

1. Have children recycle old, broken crayons by scraping a dull knife or popsicle stick along the crayon and catching the shavings in a foil pie pan.
2. Place a coffee filter on several layers of newspaper.
3. Take different colors of crayon shavings from the pie pan and arrange them on a flattened coffee filter.
4. Place a piece of construction paper on top.
5. Press with a warm iron. Child will get two pieces of art – a design on the white coffee filter and a print of the same design on the construction paper.

CAUTION

Teachers should supervise children using the warm iron.

Variations: Use colors of crayons to harmonize with holidays or seasons, such as spring green and pastels for spring; autumn oranges, reds, and browns for fall, etc. Mount coffee filter on construction paper of same color as print and hang side by side. This will make interesting

What children will learn

Small muscle control, creative expression, concept of mirror image