

Sandpaper Art

Age: 5-10 years



What's needed

Fine- or medium-grade sandpaper
Crayons
Baking sheets or foil to protect oven
Access to oven

What to do

1. Use crayons to make heavy marks or a design on small 4-inch to 6-inch squares of sandpaper. Instruct children to press hard and make solid-colored forms.
2. When the sandpaper is fairly well covered with crayon marks, it can be heated in a warm oven at 250°F for 10 to 15 seconds until the crayon melts. The crayon wax will harden and produce an interesting effect.

Variation: Sandpaper art may be pasted on heavy-weight paper to make cards or matted and framed as a small picture.

What children will learn

Creative expression