

# Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

## Night Lights



## Crayola Supplies

- Crayons (Regular)
- Washable Finger Paint
- Scissors
- So Big® Brushes

## Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- recycled boxes
- textured surfaces for rubbing (such as woven surfaces, sand paper)
- spoon
- finger paint paper
- tray (optional)
- recycled file folders (optional)

## Why?

Kids won't be able to resist these night lights that they create with crayon resists and glowing color. Young children experience the concept of layers as they rediscover a bright world of color beneath finger paint.

## How?

1. Light colors such as white, yellow, and silver work well for this crayon resist project. Remove papers from Crayola® Crayons.
2. Lay a sheet of finger paint or other smooth paper on top of interesting textures. Try sandpaper, bumpy place mats, needlepoint backings, and tile floors. Rub with the side of your crayons to produce brilliant rubbings. Press hard to get intense colors. Cover your whole paper with crayon rubbings.
3. Cover your work surface with recycled newspaper. Dip the crayon-textured paper into a water tray or quickly wet it under a faucet. Then lay the paper on the newspaper.
4. Spoon enough purple, black, or blue Crayola® Washable Finger Paint on the paper and spread to cover your

crayon rubbings. Wash your hands.

5. While the paint dries, use Crayola® Scissors to cut a small piece of thick cardboard from an empty cereal box or a recycled file folder.
6. Use the cardboard tab to scrape dried paint away from parts of your paper. Underneath the dark paint, you'll reveal bright night lights.
7. For a variation, try making fuzzy fluorescent night worms by putting on paint with short strokes of a Crayola® So Big® brush.

## When and Where Suggestions?

- "A fun project just before baths and settling in for the night. By morning, the paint was dry and their night lights could come alive." Paul H., dad of two kids ages 5 and 8.
- "This was a nice tie-in with our 'nocturnal nights' theme. We looked for textures that reminded us of animals that roam in the dark." Crystal W., camp counselor.

## Interesting Information

How does a light bulb work? Inside a glass bulb filled with nitrogen or argon is a thin strip of tungsten wire. The tungsten heats up and glows when electrical current flows through it. The argon or nitrogen keeps the tungsten wire glowing for many uses before it burns through.

## Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Wash your hands well with soap and water after you complete your project.

## Related Books

Animals at Night. by Jane Burton

The Light Bulb. by Sharon Cosner

Light by Trevor Day

All the Lights in the Night. by Arthur Levine

## Related Videos

An American Tale-Mystery of the Night Monster.

Buster and Chauncey's Silent Night.

## Related Games

Glowing Night Sky Box

Stained Glass Night Light Kit

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