

# Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

## Parachute Patterns



### Crayola Supplies

- Model Magic®
- Washable Markers
- Scissors
- Glitter Glue

### Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- coffee filters
- spray bottles
- clear adhesive tape
- plastic drinking straws

### Why?

Jump right in to this fun project that is patterned after real parachutes. Kids will fall for this creation that explores how colors can be arranged to create a design.

### How?

1. Shape the figure of a parachute jumper with Crayola® Model Magic®. Use Crayola® Scissors to cut two plastic straws in half. Press three straw pieces into the parachute jumper, one on each shoulder and one in the back, to hold up the parachute. Dry overnight.
2. To make the parachute, decorate a coffee filter with Crayola® Washable Markers in a pattern of colors and shapes. What colors look good next to each other? Which colors create contrast? Use a style similar to your favorite artist if you like.
3. Spread newspaper over your work area. Spritz the parachute lightly with water to blend color edges. Dry.
4. With markers, repeat the parachute pattern on the parachute jumper. Add accents to both the parachute and parachute jumper with Crayola® Glitter Glue. Dry. Attach parachute to straws with tape.

## When and Where Suggestions?

- "Small groups studied different artists and modeled their parachutes after their work. We called it Jump Into Art Day." Kameron C., scout leader.
- "We use a parachute in our children's neighborhood gym program, so making these parachute patterns was a big hit." Ni'chele M., mom of 4-year-old.

## Interesting Information

The first parachute jump from an airplane was made on March 1, 1912, from a height of 1,500 feet (457 m). The world record for the highest skydiving jump was set in 1960. The parachutist used a spacesuit and was in freefall for 4 1/2 minutes for a total of 102,800 feet (31,333 m).

## 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.

Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

Glitter Glue: WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- Small parts. Not intended for children younger than 3 years of age. Not intended for use as face/skin paint.

## Related Books

Life As a Paratrooper by Robert C. Kennedy

Peril in the Bessledorf Parachute Factory by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Golden Knights : The U.S. Army Parachute Team (Serving Your Country) by Ellen H. Hopkins

## Related Videos

Parachute Express: Come Sing With Us

## Related Software

Playtime Parachute Fun

World of Parachute Play

Dr. Brain: MindVenture

## Related Games

Perplexing Pentagons Pattern Puzzle

Tangle Free Toy Parachute

©2001, Binney & Smith Inc. This Crayola Inspiring Idea™ is the property of and used with permission from Binney & Smith Inc. No content belonging to Binney & Smith Inc. can be sold, traded or reused, unless a licensing agreement has been signed permitting such use.

Crayola, the serpentine and chevron designs, crayon character, The Crayola FACTORY, Dream-Makers, and Binney & Smith logo are registered trademarks of Binney & Smith; the rainbow/swash design is a trademark of Binney & Smith. All Rights Reserved