

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Scary Scratches



Crayola Supplies

- Crayons (Regular)
- Scissors (pointed tip)
- Washable Kid's Paint (black)

Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- white paper

Why?

Scratch off a scary scene for Halloween! Celebrate Dia de los Muertos with this classic crayon technique.

How?

1. Do things scare you less if you are around them a lot? Many cultures celebrate scary things on holidays such as Halloween or Dia de los Muertos. What scares you? Here's a way to show it on paper.
2. Color a whole sheet of white paper with a thick layer of Crayola® Crayons. Use any colors wherever you like.
3. Cover your art area with newspaper. With a Crayola® Paint Brush, generously spread black Crayola® Washable Kid's Paint over the entire page. Air dry flat.
4. With the pointed tip of Crayola® Scissors, scratch ghoulish creatures in the black paint. The crayon colors will shine through to make your drawing! Happy Fright Night!

When and Where Suggestions?

- "These make fabulous holiday cards. We designed a different one for each person." Blanca O., mom of 8-year-old.
- "Before scouts scratched pictures, they traded their painted, colored pages with each other. Everyone was surprised that way." Misha D., scout leader.

Interesting Information

On Dia de los Muertos, people get together to take care of their family graves, plant flowers, fix broken monuments, and then picnic together on the cemetery grounds.

Safety Guidelines

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

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children ages 6 years and older. Adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Related Books

Adventure in the Witch's House: A Book to Read by Flashlight by Lynn Gordon

Days of the Dead by Kathryn Lasky

Fiesta! Mexico's Great Celebrations by Elizabeth Silverthorne

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Dias de Muertos

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Scary, Scary Halloween

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