Crayon Resist Garden Painting

Try making a crayon resist water color painting!

GET READY

You will start by coloring a picture with crayons and then painting over the whole picture with water color paints or food coloring. The key to making a crayon resist painting is to use crayons only on the parts of the paper where you do not want the paint to show. The paint will “resist” sticking to the crayon. For any parts of your painting where you want your paint to show, leave those spaces as plain paper without any crayon. The sky is a great place not to use crayon because you can paint it blue for a daytime sky, black for a nighttime sky, or reds and yellows for a beautiful sunset.

ITEMS NEEDED

- White paper
- Crayons
- Watercolor paints or food coloring
- Water
- Paint brush
  - a larger brush will fill in the spaces faster
- Optional: Construction paper, tape or glue

TALLY HO! LET’S HAVE FUN!

1. Use crayons to draw a garden on a piece of white paper. You can draw a flower garden, a vegetable garden, a butterfly garden, an orchard with fruit trees, or any other type of garden you would like to draw. Be sure to press hard with the crayons.

2. After you are done coloring with the crayons, use the water color paints to paint over your crayon drawing. Any spaces on the paper not filled in with crayon will show the watercolor paint.

OR, Instead of using watercolor paints, you can mix 5 drops of food coloring with 3 tablespoons of water. Dip your brush into the food coloring/water mixture and paint it on your paper the same as if you were using water color paints. *The water in this mixture will make the paper wrinkle slightly more than the watercolor paints.

3. Once your painting is dry, talk about what kinds of plants or trees are in your garden picture. Can you see any parts of the plant, including the stem, petals, leaves, seeds or roots?

4. Optional: Tape or glue your painting to a piece of construction paper to make a frame.