

Carving with Scratchboard



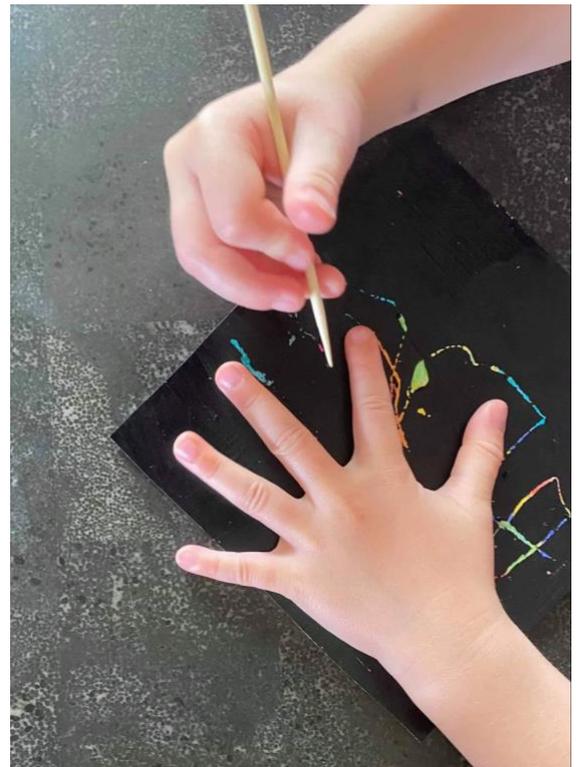
Michael Heizer, Dragged Mass, 2018. Etching with aquatint and drypoint. © Michael Heizer / Durham Press, 2018.

Artists create artwork in many different ways. Some draw, some paint, and some sculpt. Another method that artists use when painting is carving. Artist Michael Heizer uses heavy machinery, tools, and objects to carve lines and impressions into a metal plate, inks it, and stamps it on paper. It's important for artists to experiment and try new things. This week, we're creating scratchboard—an artwork you draw with by carving away.

For this project you will need:

- Heavy paper or Cardstock
- Crayons or Oil Pastels
- Black paint (Tempera or Acrylic)
- Paintbrush
- Toothpick or stick

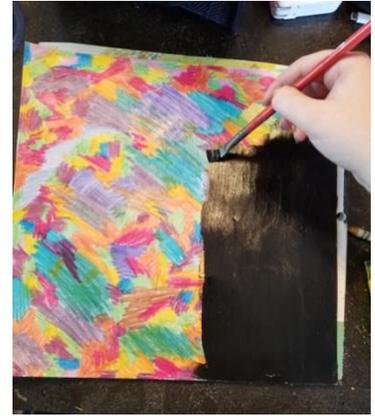
To create scratchboard, you create a colorful background with crayons and then cover it with paint. The wax in the crayons separates from the water in the paint so you can scratch it off to see the colors underneath. Scratchboard can be expensive, but you can make it at home for very little money.



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Follow these steps to create your own Scratchboard

Step 1: Coat your heavy paper with oil pastels or crayons. Make sure all white spaces are covered. You can use whatever colors you would like. This is the base of your scratchboard.



Step 2: After your paper is completely colored with crayons or pastels, coat your entire paper with black paint. Do your best to paint evenly. You shouldn't see any color through your black paint. Leave it to dry for ten minutes.

Step 3: When your paper is dry, you can use your toothpick to create a drawing on your scratchboard. Press gently. If you press too hard you can carve off the colors you put down. The paint should scratch off and leave color underneath to make art.



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