



Scratch Patterns

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AGE GROUP



3-5 years



6-12 years

HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

- Encourage children to make marks and patterns all over their paper with the oil pastels.
- When they are happy with their picture they can paint over the top with the black paint. Cover as much as they can but don't pressure them to fill the page. For younger children you might need to help with this step and coverage then let them take over the scratching!
- While the paint is still wet children can use cotton buds or toothpicks to scratch designs and pictures - formed as the coloured picture underneath is exposed.
- The dishwashing liquid in the paint helps it to coat the oil pastels more evenly

EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Experiment with different paints and adding more black layers over the drawing.
- Wait until the paint dries before scratching a design - what happens?

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- Small sheets of thick paper (A4 is good) or thin card
- Oil pastels (you can also use crayons but these work better)
- Black acrylic craft paint with a few drops of dishwashing liquid
- Foam or shaving brushes
- Toothpicks and/or cotton buds



Building My
Language &
Literacy Skills



Challenging my fine
motor muscles