DIY Scratch Art

Grades K – 2nd

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Here's a quick step-by-step project for making your very own scratch art paper.

Here's what you'll need:

1. A sheet of paper (printer paper or sketch paper)
2. Crayons and markers (markers are optional)
3. Must have a black or other dark color crayon
4. A toothpick (a pencil with **no** point can work too)

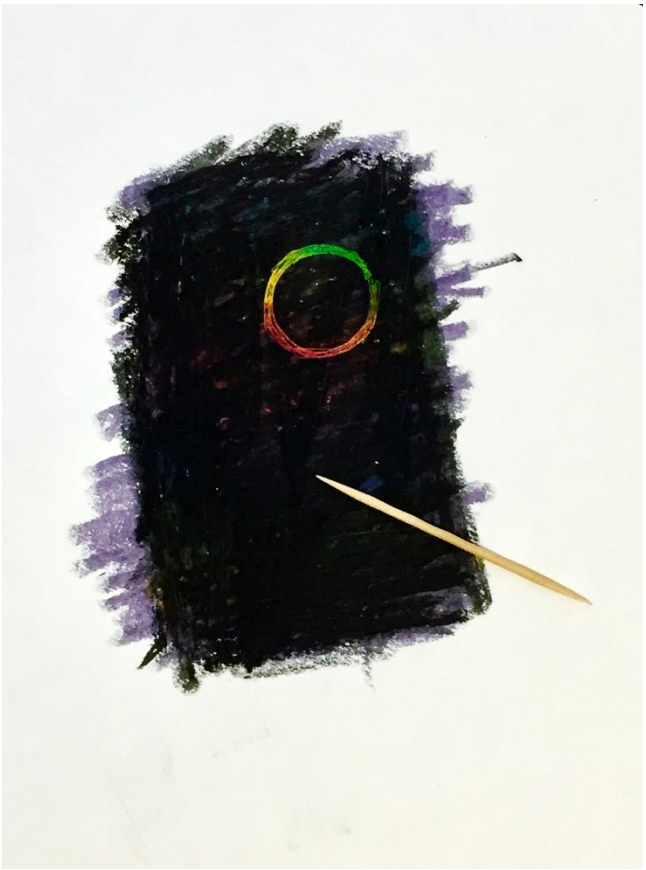
Step 1

Using either markers or crayon, color your sheet of paper with many colors. This does not have to a be specific picture. It just needs to be full of color. Try to use colors that are brighter or lighter as these show up best.

Step 2

Then, using a black (or very dark color) crayon, cover up the color completely. You may need to press down with the black to cover the color evenly.

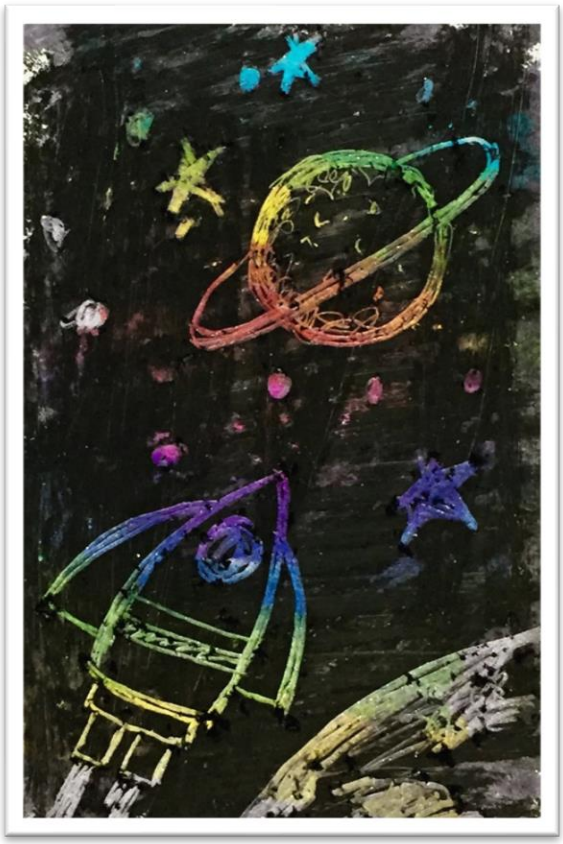
This will be a little messy, so make sure you're working on a surface that is easy to clean up. Try not to get the crayon dust on the floor.



Step 3

Your scratch art paper is completed. Now using the toothpick, you can begin drawing a picture.

Just use the point of the toothpick to begin scratching away the black crayon. The colors below will show creating your picture. If you feel you've made a mistake, simply cover it with the black crayon and continue.



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