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intro

Fireworks are thought to have started from a stick of bamboo that was accidentally tossed into the fire and exploded because of the air pockets. Since then, China has become known for its beautiful fireworks - both in color, and in the designs that light up the sky.

Nowadays, fireworks come in a rainbow of colors, all dependent on the chemicals inside them. That makes them a perfect design for scratching on scratch art paper.

But what if you could make your own scratch art paper? In this project, I'll show you how.

supplies

- 9x12 or smaller white sulphite or mixed-media paper
- Oil pastels (neon or bright colors)
- Dish soap (Dawn or other)
- Liquid black tempera paint
- Wide paintbrush
- Toothpick, paperclip, or other scratching tool



project ideas



- Change the coloring in the background to achieve different looks.
- Instead of creating fireworks in the sky, scratch out a sparkler and a hand
- Use this paper to scratch out another summertime favorite - fireflies!

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step one: coloring the paper

Use neon oil pastels or bright colored oil pastels to color the entire piece of paper. For younger students, use smaller paper.

Create circles, lines, or patterns - so long as the entire piece of paper is covered in bright color. The brighter the color, the easier it will be to see when the paint is scratched away.

step two: painting the paper

Mix 1/2-1 part dish soap to 2 parts liquid black tempera.

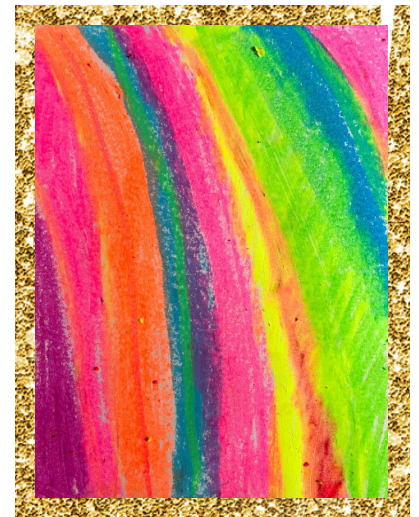
Use a wide brush to paint stripes across the paper. You may notice some bubbles depending on the soap, but this is normal. When finished, paint another coat or two on top.

Set aside to dry.

step three: scratching fireworks

Use a toothpick, the end of a paper clip, or another scratching tool to scratch out a fireworks design.

Start with a circle at the top and create lines that radiate out from it, making each line curve slightly downward. Scratch a horizon line and smaller lines underneath for water. Scratch out the flight path for the big fireworks and then finish filling the lit up sky!



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