

# Drawing Under Paint

*Creating Art at Home with Children*



## Materials Needed

- Crayons
- Water-based paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), especially black or dark blue
- Paint brushes
- Disposable cups
- Wide plastic container without a lid, for holding water
- Paper (watercolor or thick paper works best)
- Plastic covering for the table
- Newspaper for putting over the plastic

## Instructions

- Cover the table with plastic and then newspaper
- Draw pictures or designs with crayons on several sheets of paper, making sure to press down hard with the crayon in order to make the color look solid.
- Put about ½” of black or dark blue paint into a cup. If the young artists want to experiment with more colors later, put them in separate cups.
- Fill the water container about half-way
- Put paint, water, and brushes on the table. Instruct the young artists to carefully dip their brushes into the paint without touching the bottom of the cup.
- Paint over the drawings. Experiment with different combinations of crayon and paint colors. Examples: Use only one crayon color and several paint colors to paint stripes over your drawing; Use different shades of one color for the drawing and the painting.
- Clean the brushes in the water before using another paint color