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Lesson Plan Grades PreK-1 Early Childhood, Art, Literacy, Fine Motor

# Description

Improve fine motor skills and grasp.

## Supplies Needed

Broken and unwrapped crayons

Tin foil

Electric warming tray-set on med/low

Paper

Towels

Newspapers for drying artwork.

# Learning Standards

Physical Development (Fine Motor): Manipulate writing, drawing and art tools.

Logic & Reasoning: Recognize cause and effect relationships.

Literacy Knowledge & Skills: Experiment with writing tools and materials.

### Prep

Cover a warming tray with tin foil for easy clean-up. Set on a towel that is spread on a table (This will prevent slipping). Make sure to have a large selection of crayons and crayon pieces that are unwrapped.

#### Instructions

### Step 1

Plug in the tray in an area that can be supervised at all times.

### Step 2

Explain to the children that crayons are made out of wax that can melt when it is hot.

#### Step 3

Place a piece of paper directly on the heated foil covered warming tray.

#### Step 4

As children draw, their crayons will guide as they melt into the paper and become translucent.

## Step 5

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Set art work on newspapers to cool and dry.

# **Teacher Tips**

You may want to wear a glove or have them available for children to wear on their non-drawing hand to hold the paper in place. Hang the dried artwork on a window or suggest children hold it up to the light to enjoy the translucency of the melted crayon colors.

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