Parrot Scratchboard



Try this interesting medium that creates a wonderfully textured effect! Is uses simple items like crayons, poster paint, and toothpicks. This special technique will reveal precisely placed colors, instead of a "rainbow" effect.

You can make this any size. However, the white drawing paper and the card stock (or Bristol Board) must be the exact same size.

Ages 8 and up.

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Supplies:

- White drawing paper (6" x 4.5")
- White card stock or Bristol Board (6" x 4.5")
- Pencil
- Crayola crayons, variety of light colors (cheaper brands may not work as well)
- Black tempera paint (not the "washable" kind)
- Large paintbrushes or foam brushes
- White chalk or soft pastel
- Masking or painters tape
- Colored card stock or poster board for mounting (optional)
- Photo reference

Directions:

- 1. Using the photo reference below (or another of your choice), draw a simple line drawing of the parrot on the white paper with the pencil.
- 2. Using the side of your pencil, completely fill in the back of the paper.
- 3. Lay the drawing, parrot side up, on top of the card stock or Bristol Board. Make sure the tops are lined up perfectly. Tape down on all sides.
- 4. Transfer the drawing by retracing over the line drawing with a pencil, pressing hard.
- 5. Remove the top drawing and save for a later step.



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- 6. Color in the transferred parrot (on the card stock) using light colored crayons.
 - a. Be sure to press hard and to fill in the areas completely.
 - b. Leave all black areas blank.
 - c. Color in all white areas with a white crayon.
 - d. Color slightly outside of the lines.
- 7. Tape down the colored version on all sides with painters' tape.
- Paint over the colored in parrot with black tempera paint, using a large brush or foam brush.
- 9. Allow to dry. If it looks streaky, then apply a second coat. Allow to dry completely.
- 10. Remove the tape.
- 11. Take a second sheet of drawing paper (same size as the card stock) and cover it with white pastel or chalk. Rub lightly with a tissue to spread the chalk everywhere.
- 12. Lay this sheet, chalk side down, on top of the black painted paper. Line the tops up perfectly.
- 13. Lay the original line drawing of the parrot on top of that, parrot side up. Line the tops up perfectly. Tape everything down on all sides.
- 14. Transfer the drawing again by retracing the lines with a pencil, pressing hard.
- 15. Remove the two top sheets.
- 16. Using a toothpick, or other small sharp object, scrape away the outline of the parrot. Try to make it a broken, somewhat feathery line.





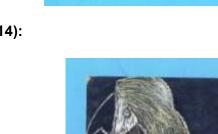


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- 17. Fill in the parrot with short strokes of the toothpick, following the grain of the feathers.

18. Trim with a paper cutter and mount on brightly colored cardstock.

Here are some other student examples (ages 6-14):











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Photo References (choose one):



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