

Parrot Scratchboard



Try this interesting medium that creates a wonderfully textured effect! It 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.
8. 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):



Photo References (choose one):



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