Inspired by Artspace Studio Artist, Maria Frati’s colorful painted wood carvings of florals and foliage (img below), you will make your own floral arrangement by creating rubbings with textures from your environment!

**Age/Grade**  All

**Materials**

- Paper
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Tape and/or glue
- Cardboard
- Found objects and textures
- Optional Resource: Artspace Templates

**Prep**

- Remove paper wrapping from crayons
- Print out the Artspace Templates (last page of this packet)
- Prepare textures by:
  - Going on a nature walk - gather leaves, bark, and flowers.
  - Identify textures in your home like wood grain flooring or in kitchen tools
  - Creating your own texture squares from cardboard
    - Cut cardboard (from boxes, cereal boxes) into 4x4” squares
    - Ideas: Draw with hot glue to create raised texture or glue down small objects or cardboard shapes
Artmaking Directions

1. Place your paper on top of the found or created texture

2. Rub the paper with the side of a crayon to reveal unique patterns and markings

3. Once you have created multiple textured rubbings, trace the Artspace vase template or draw your own and cut out

4. Use the Artspace floral and leaf templates or draw your own and cut out

5. Arrange your florals in the vase

6. Secure them in place with tape or glue on the back

Activity Ideas + Resources

- Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood or a local park. Bring your materials along! Create rubbings as you walk and/or gather leaves and other natural materials.
  - Take photos or spend time sketching plants and flowers you see for reference later.

- Play with color and layering! What happens when you create a rubbing with a blue crayon over a red texture rubbing? Discuss color interaction and mixing.

- View Maria Frati’s website and images of her work for design inspiration.

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