ART ACTIVITY

CRAYON BATIK

Batik is a traditional resist technique that involves layering wax and dyes on fabric to produce beautiful designs. Create your own variation of batik art with materials at home!

**Age/Grade**  K–12

**Materials**
- Paper
- Crayons
- Dye (Use watercolors or watered down acrylic paint)
- Paper towels

**Activity Ideas**

**Glue Batik (6–12)** // For a more traditional version of Batik, draw with glue onto fabric. Allow the glue to dry. Once completely dry, paint with watered down acrylic paints. When the paints are dry, wash out the glue with hot water to remove. See a full tutorial from Babble Dabble Do.

**Stamp It! (K–12)** // Cut out shapes from sponges to create stamps. Stamp the sponge into glue and then apply to paper or fabric. Once the glue is dry, you can paint over it with your dye for a resist design.

**Artist Inspired (K–12)** // Artspace Resident Artist, Ryan Fox, uses a batik technique to render images of places around the world. Create a batik image of a special place, an imaginary world, or a picture from a favorite vacation as your inspiration!

**Resources**

Artspace Resident Artist, Ryan Fox, uses a version of batik to create his beautiful layered images of landscapes and travel destinations. See more of his work on his website or Instagram @rfox90.

Learn more about the traditional batik process in this video from Khan Academy - Batik of Java: A Centuries Old Tradition.

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Artmaking Directions

1. Use crayons to cover your entire paper with a design or image.

2. Gently crumple up your paper in your hands and smush it into a ball.

3. Carefully unfold the paper and brush away the crayon dust.

4. Apply your “dye” with a paintbrush over the page and fill the gaps - use a darker color than your design for contrast! The crayon will resist the dye, but it will fill the cracks.

5. Blot away the excess dye.

6. Allow the paper to dry.

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