

PORTRAYING A TREE

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

Gather the following materials:



- Illustration board, hard board, bristol board or cardboard (any size will work)
- Graphite pencil
- Eraser
- Modelling clay, various colours
- Mark-making tools, can be anything!
- Hole puncher

** Feel free to be creative and use anything you find around the house. Be sure to ask your parent or guardian for permission first!*

STEP 2: GO FOR A WALK OR FIND A COMFY SPOT BY THE WINDOW

Take a walk in your neighbourhood with your parent or guardian or look out your window and find your favourite tree!

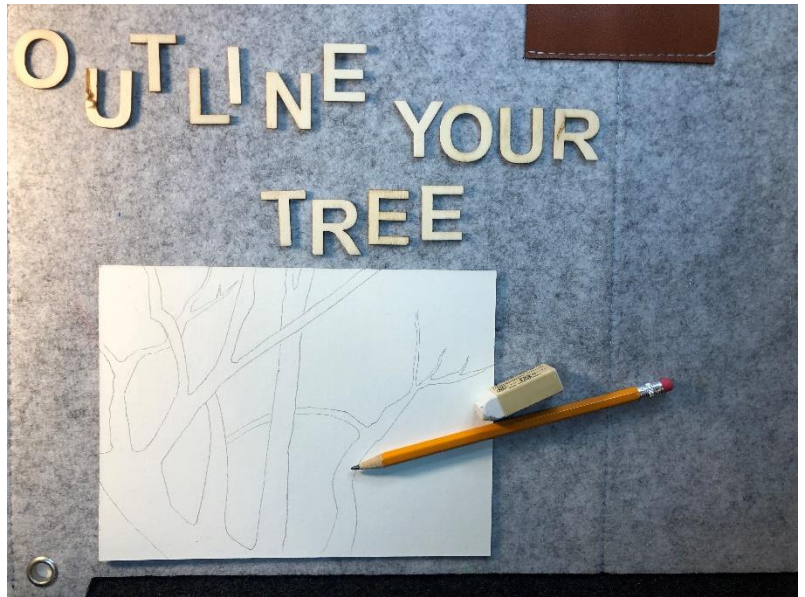
What is unique about it?



STEP 3: OUTLINE YOUR TREE

Sketch a loose outline of your unique tree. You can draw as many branches as you like. Be creative and draw branches thick and thin!

TIP: Use your finger to trace each branch of the tree. You will discover that they bend and twist in any way they please!

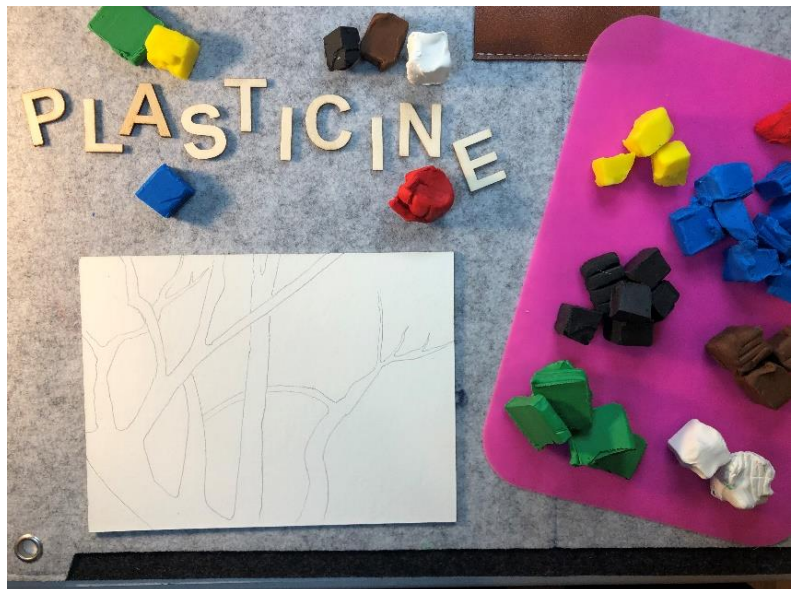


STEP 4: MODELLING CLAY TIME

Use your imagination and make your tree come to life by adding interesting shapes and textures with your modelling clay.

Try these techniques to mold your tree:

- Mix colours together
- Mold and twist tree bark texture
- Use found objects for mark making
- Smudge the background colours to make interesting swirls and patterns



STEP 5: ADD TEXTURE

Once your entire picture is covered in modelling clay, it is time to start experimenting with your found objects as mark-making tools. Your pencil can create little dot textures, while a paper clip can be used as a smoothing or peeling tool. This is your chance to give your picture as much texture as you like.

TIP: Making expressive marks can lead to some fantastic textures. Experiment and have fun!



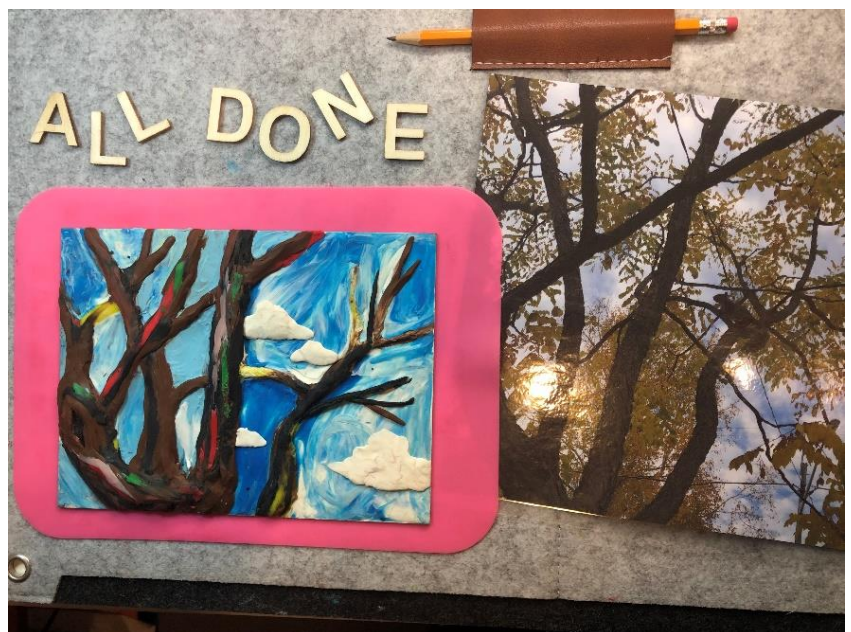
STEP 6: DISPLAY YOUR ART PROUDLY

Congratulations!

You have just made your own unique tree!

CHALLENGE YOURSELF:

Try to add shadows and other small details to your picture!



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