

Art at home!

Elements of Art: Texture

Activity: Texture Painting

Texture is an important element of art, as it makes two-dimensional art seem more realistic and three-dimensional art more interesting.

Texture can be actual or real — the way something feels when it is physically touched. For example, a ceramic pot can feel smooth. A dog's fur can feel soft. A wool coat can feel rough or itchy.

Texture can also be implied — a visual representation of how you think something would feel if it was in front of you. For example, if you see a photo of a poodle, you could imagine its fur would be soft. If you see a painting of a wooden house, you could imagine the wood would feel rough.

There are various ways that artists make implied texture. One approach is focusing on the tools that help you apply your paint to a surface. Bob Ross, creator and host of *The Joy of Painting*, used this technique. He painted with multiple techniques to show landscape textures like snow and trees.

This activity involves painting with the materials available to you to make textures!

Materials:

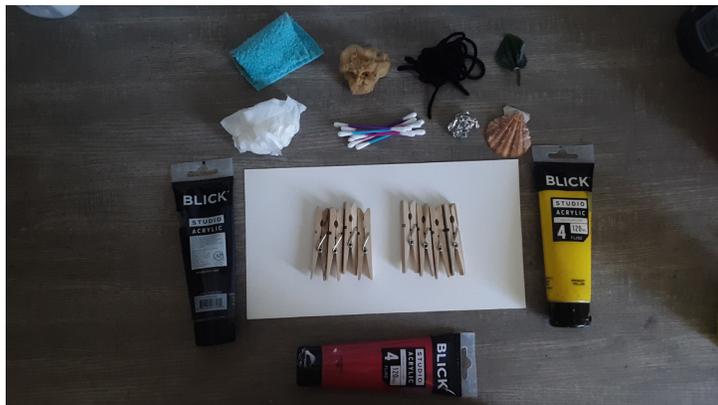
- Non-toxic paint.
- Water.
- Containers to hold paint.
- Paper.
- Clothes pins.
- Objects of varying texture.



Safety: Use washable and non-toxic paint for easy cleanup and to prevent staining.

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How to:



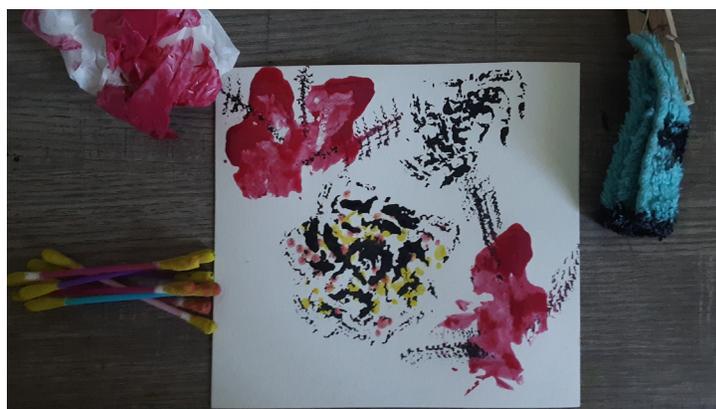
Gather your materials. Prepare your paint by mixing it with water in your containers.



Attach the clothes pins to your various objects of texture to make mini paintbrushes. These objects should be able to act as paintbrushes or stamps. Some examples are: sponges, corks, fake or real leaves, plastic wrappers, yarn, old clothes, foil or even the bottom of a shoe.



Paint with your new paintbrushes and notice how each one makes a different pattern.



Once done, put your artwork aside to dry.

Have fun experimenting with the textures of various objects! Please share your art and patterns with us on our social media pages [@asuuseum](https://www.instagram.com/asuuseum).

Additional Links:

- Element of Art Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OW7YQYtUfhkhIDbkRt27wCg0QhGphcil/view?usp=sharing>
- <https://onlineartlessons.com/tutorial/texture-painting-techniques-equipment/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H15kV1wbDG4>