








## LAYERED ABSTRACT ART

*What we're doing:*

Create an amazing layered abstract artwork by tracing around hands and/or other household objects! Experiment with using wet and dry media. Wet media are materials such as acrylic paint, watercolours, dye and ink. Dry media are materials such as pens, pencils, felt pens, coloured pencils and charcoal. For more wet and dry media ideas check out the *At Home Materials* lists!

*What you will need:*

-  Paper  
*Bigger paper works well for this activity. An option is to tape several pieces of paper together*
-  Paint or dye  
*Watered down food colouring works well as an alternative to dye*
-  Paint brushes
-  Water jar
-  Pencil
-  Sharpie, black felt tip pen or biro
-  Felts and/or colour pencils

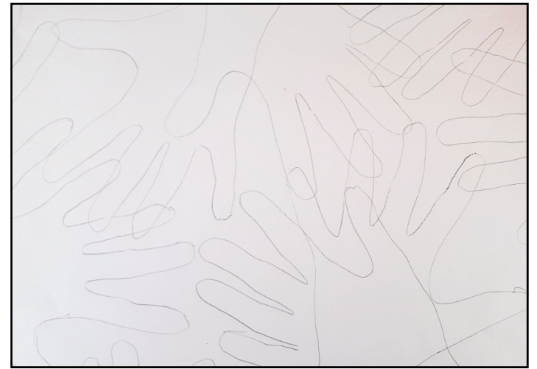
*Fancy art word!*

**Abstract art** is a fancy term used for art which does not represent images from our everyday world. An abstract artwork can be an exploration of colour, line and/or shapes (form).

# Get ready to make some art!

## Step 1

Place your hand on a large piece of paper and carefully trace around it with a pencil. Repeat this process, layering hands over hands and covering the paper. You might like to trace around other family members' hands or place objects from your home on the paper and trace around them to get a variety of new and interesting shapes.



## Step 2

Using paint, watered down food colouring or another kind of wet media, start to paint in some of the new shapes that have been made from layering. Felt tip pens or colour pencils could be used as an option to wet media. Experiment with using different colours for shapes that are sitting next to each other.



## Step 3

Now work on the background shapes that have been created! You could use more paint/wet media. If you have already used paint for the large hand and object shapes you might like to use dry media such as felt pens or colour pencils. You could fill the background shapes with different patterns to create an interesting contrast to the shapes filled with solid colour. There are lots of cool patterns online, check out *Zentangle* for some ideas.



## Step 4

Once your artwork is dry, outline your hand shapes with sharpie, black felt pen or biro to make the lines stand out. Wow! Check it out, what an amazing, abstract layered artwork you've made.

Extra idea: You could make your artwork into a sign for the bathroom as a colourful reminder for everyone to wash their hands.



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