

Be the Artist: Relief Painting

You can create fun, textured art at home using basic art supplies. This is a 2-day project since you have to wait for the glue to dry—overnight is best. The result of this project is a cheery piece of art.

Supplies

- A piece of cardboard about 6"x9"
- A pencil
- White glue or gel glue
- A piece of aluminum foil about 2" bigger than your cardboard
- Permanent markers (different colors)



Instructions

Day 1:

Make a line drawing and trace the lines with glue.

Make your drawing simple enough so that it's easy to trace the lines with glue. Make the glue thick enough so it is raised from the cardboard. Wait for the glue to dry; overnight is best. If the glue is thin, you can trace the drawing again with another layer of glue to build up the profile and let it dry again.



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Day 2:

Wrap the foil around your cardboard, then lightly rub the top surface so you can see the pattern.

Wrap the foil over the glue side of the cardboard, shiny side out. You could tape it in the back to help hold it in place.



Color the foil between the raised surfaces.

Color the area between the raised glue edges and avoid coloring the raised areas. Use one or more colors. You now have a sparkly piece of art to add to your collection.



Want to explore more?

- Try the same pattern with different colors. Carefully remove the foil cover and replace it with another piece of foil. Use different markers or the same markers in different places.
- Make 6 pieces of cardboard all the same size. Tape them together to make a 3D box with a lid.