DIY Scratch Art

Materials

- Cardstock (or any thick paper)
- Oil pastels
- Acrylic paint
- Masking tape (optional)
- Brush
- Wooden skewer (or pencil)

Instructions

1. (Optional) Line the edges of the cardstock or paper with masking tape to set the boundary of where you want to color and paint.

2. Use oil pastels to color in big shapes on your cardstock or paper, similar to color blocking. Add as many or as few colors as you want, but be sure to fill the entire paper! If there are any oil pastel “debris” or chunks, gently wipe them off.
3. Grab your paint brush and acrylic paint (any color) and paint a thin layer over the oil pastel area. Let the acrylic paint dry completely.

4. Once the paint is dry, use a wooden skewer or pencil to start drawing by scratching off the paint to create a design! (A pencil might leave graphite marks, but you’ll still be able to see the colors underneath.)

5. If you taped the edges of your paper at the start, you can slowly peel the tape off to reveal a nice, smooth border around your artwork. You can leave the border blank or use a pen/marker to decorate it.

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