

## TINKER LAB *At Home!*

# DIY SCRATCH-ART!

**Age:** 4+

**Materials:** Paper (cardstock works best but the regular bond paper is also great), Dish soap, Oil pastels or crayons, Black paint (acrylic, sumi ink, or tempera are good options), Brush, Small container to hold the paint, Toothpick, skewer, penny, etc, Plastic bag or paper to cover your working surface

**Introduction:** Scratch-art is a fun way to make colorful designs! You make scratch art by layering black paint over a colorful pattern. When the black is scratched away, your colors show through. Create your very own scratch-art with items you most likely have at home.

## Activity:

- 1) Color a design on the cardstock with your crayons.  
Color all areas of your paper.
- 2) Mix equal parts black paint and dish soap. Gently stir together with your brush.



**3)** Use your paintbrush to paint over your colored design and let dry completely. You may need to add a second layer of paint on top.



**4)** Once dry, it's time to scratch off! After the paint has dried, use your tools (chopsticks, toothpick, end of a spoon, or whatever you have on hand) to scratch a picture on your painted cardstock. When you scratch away the black paint, you will see your colors show.

