



Get the Crayola Meltdown Art Set for an all-in-one melted crayon art activity!

Or, if you'd like to create melted crayon art with your own supplies follow the instructions below.

CAUTION: This activity involves melting Crayola Crayons. Melted crayon wax may be hot to the touch. Adult supervision is required. Not recommended for children younger than 8 years old.

Materials needed

1 canvas board

Crayola Crayons

Hairdryer

Recycled newspaper or drop cloth to protect work surface

Double-sided foam tape

Preparing Your Workspace

1. Find an appropriate workspace, preferably one where you can be a bit messy. Most garages or work rooms will do.
2. Set up near an electrical outlet as a handheld hairdryer is needed for this activity.
3. Cover your work surface with recycled newspaper, a paper bag or a drop cloth.*

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4. Use double-sided foam tape to attach the Crayola Crayons to the canvas board.**
5. Prop up your canvas so that melting crayon wax drips down the canvas board.
6. Gently warm the crayons with the hairdryer held 1 to 3 inches away from the crayons. The wax will slowly begin to melt and drip down the canvas. Be sure to point the hairdryer's air flow at the canvas in a downward angle—not straight on—to avoid unwanted splatters. **(Be careful! Melted crayon wax can be hot to the touch.)**
7. Continue melting the crayons until you have achieved the desired effect. Allow the wax to cool completely before handling the canvas. Your project is complete!

Tips, Tricks and Techniques

- Paint a background color on your canvas using a water-based paint. You can also paint additional elements like words and pictures. Allow paint to dry before melting crayons.
- Use tape or stickers to mask off an area to keep it wax-free. Peel it off to reveal your design.
- Use a craft stick to move wax around for a textured effect.
- Break crayons into smaller pieces to create unique designs.
- Glue on googly eyes to make a melted alien or curious creature.
- Sprinkle glitter onto melted wax for sparkle and shine.
- Embellish pictures with pieces of newspaper and scrapbooking elements to create a multi-media collage.
- Create cool effects by melting the crayons in a variety of directions.

*For extra protection from splatters, place your project in a recycled cardboard box when melting the crayons.

**Crayons without the wrappers will melt more quickly and spread across a larger surface area. However, without wrappers crayons may not adhere as well to double-sided tape.

For additional information, please visit Crayola.com/meltdown.