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DID YOU KNOW batik is a way of putting coloured designs onto cloth with dye?

## Use batik to make a picture



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**Activity**

### USE BATIK TO MAKE A PICTURE

People around the world have been dyeing cloth for thousands of years. In many places, special ways of dyeing have developed. For example, in Indonesia people use a method called batik (BAH tick).

Batik is a method of applying colored designs to fabric. A design is made on the fabric, and those sections that are not to be dyed are covered with wax or other substance that will not absorb the dye. When the wax has hardened, the fabric can be dipped into a dye, or the dye can be applied with a paint brush. The covered parts resist the dye. After the cloth is dry, the wax can be removed by boiling the cloth.

Using a white crayon and watercolor paints, you can create your own batik on paper.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Put on the apron, smock, or T-shirt to protect your clothes. Cover your workspace with newspaper.
2. Using the white crayon, draw a picture on the paper. Whenever you draw with the crayon, the paint will not absorb into the paper.
3. When you have finished putting in the linework of your picture, you can begin to add the paint. As you brush the paint over the crayon, notice how it resists the color.

If you have trouble seeing the white crayon on the white paper, you can lightly sketch your design with a pencil first.

**MATERIALS**

- Apron, smock, or old T-shirt
- Newspaper
- Watercolor paper or a similar heavy paper
- White crayon
- Watercolor paints
- Paint brush
- Small container for water



Allow your picture to dry thoroughly before you display it!

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## Fun Facts:

- ✂ The way of making batik began in Indonesia, a country in Southeast Asia.
- ✂ In Indonesia, the batik design is often determined by the use the cloth will have. It might be for a headscarf, a sash, or a sarong.