

Scratchboard Cards

This project is perfect craft for days when the kids are getting restless & you need a fun & easy craft to do! You can make it with materials you probably already have at home and it's a great way to create personalized thank you cards, door signs, artwork or even gift tags!



What You Need

- Crayons
- White cardstock, thick paper is best
- Painter's tape
- Butcher paper or newspaper
- Black tempura paint (don't worry, it's washable)
- Laundry detergent
- Mixing bowl or plate
- A small roller brush to paint with
- Items to scratch with: forks, spoons, or nail care orange sticks



What to Do

1. **Spread out some butcher paper** or newspaper to cover your workspace. Tape it down so it will stay secured.
2. **Color to your heart's content!** You can fold the white cardstock in half to make a card or color the whole sheet. Use lots of different colors so that you'll end up with an interesting design. **PRO TIP:** the darker you color the better your design will show up later on!
3. After coloring your paper, you'll need to **mix up the paint**. In a plate or mixing bowl, stir together a one-to-one ratio of tempura paint to laundry detergent. We used about 2 spoonfuls of each ingredient per sheet of paper.
4. Once you've stirred up the paint, **use the roller brush to apply a thick coat** to the colored paper. After all the design is covered, let it dry for about 30 minutes to an hour.
5. Next, **apply a thick second coat**. Once again, wait 30 minutes to an hour for it to dry. Check and paint on a third coat after the second is dry if the paint is not opaque. In most cases two coats should be enough.
6. Now for the moment we've all been waiting for: the scratch off! You can **scratch away the paint to reveal the colors underneath**, the kids will thoroughly enjoy this part and so will you! You can write a message or simply doodle away, just have fun with it!



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