



CRAFT

WAX RESIST ANEMONE ART



The 'wax resist' technique can create some interesting artistic effects, as the paint clings to your paper but not to the wax crayon lines that you draw. The watery world of sea anemones looks great using this style of art.

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Paper or card
- Wax crayons
- Paints and palette
- Paint brushes
- Reference images
- Pencil
- Jar of water
- Coloured pens and pencils

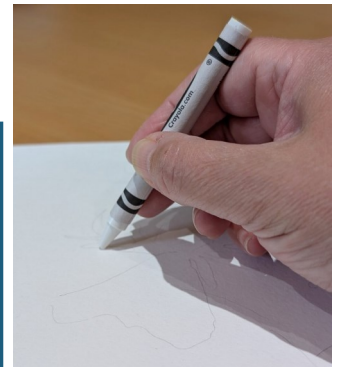
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Decide which type of anemones you are going to draw and how many. Using a pencil, very lightly outline your design.



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Go over the outlines of your anemones with a white or light-coloured wax crayon. If you press hard and make the lines quite thick the wax resist effect will be stronger.



3

Next, using colours of your choice, make some watery paint and brush this over your crayon drawing. Use as many different colours as you like. Darker colours will give more dramatic effects.



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Allow the paint to dry. Once dry, you can add in some more detail using paint, pens or pencils. We added in some seaweed and bubbles.



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Question: Why do you think the paint 'resists' the crayon lines?

Clue: Using a wax candle instead of a crayon would have the same effect.

Answer at foot of page.

The 'wax resist' technique is also brilliant for making secret messages. Write your message with a white crayon on white paper and then ask your friend to read it by painting over the paper with some coloured paint.

Answer: Both crayons and candles are made from a waxy substance (such as paraffin or beeswax) and this type of material does not allow water to pass through it.



You could try using the wax resist art technique to create a jellyfish scene too.

