LOOK, CREATE, SHARE at home explorations in drawing

Texture Rubbings

This exploration is meant to be shared by the young child and a family member/caregiver, whether it be an older youth or adult. Let’s go on a treasure hunt for texture!

Focusing ideas: Artists look with their hands as well as eyes.
Artists can make rubbings to record textures they find.

Materials you will need:
- Piece of paper folded into 4ths
- Crayons

LOOK
We talk about colors, shapes and lines that we can see in our house! Artists like to look for those and draw them. There are also lots of textures and artists like to draw those too. Texture is how something feels - rub your cheek – it is SO smooth and soft. How does your floor feel? Is it hard? Is it bumpy or smooth? Artists look with their eyes and also with their hands to find textures. Let’s go on a treasure hunt to find textures in our house!

CREATE
Go with your young child as s/he finds an interesting texture in your house and talk about how the texture feels. Is something bumpy? Is it rough? Is it soft, etc? You can find things in the kitchen such as a pancake turner or a strainer. A tiled wall, a carpet, a wood floor has texture and doorframes often do.

Your child should lay one section of the paper over the texture and rub the paper with the side of the crayon until the texture shows under the rubbing. Rub harder if it does not show at first. Repeat this until you have a texture in each of the four spaces on your paper.

SHARE
Have your child show the drawing to someone else and describe what s/he did to make it.

EXTENSION
If your child is interested, you can do this outside. Or, you can cut the paper to make a texture booklet. You can add paper so your child can make a cover and add more textures. Your child will enjoy “reading’ the booklet to others.