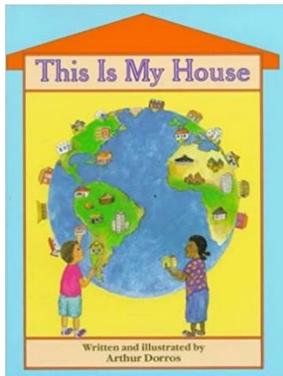


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Enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home! Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story, and then follow along with project instructions found below!

Crushed Chalk Houses

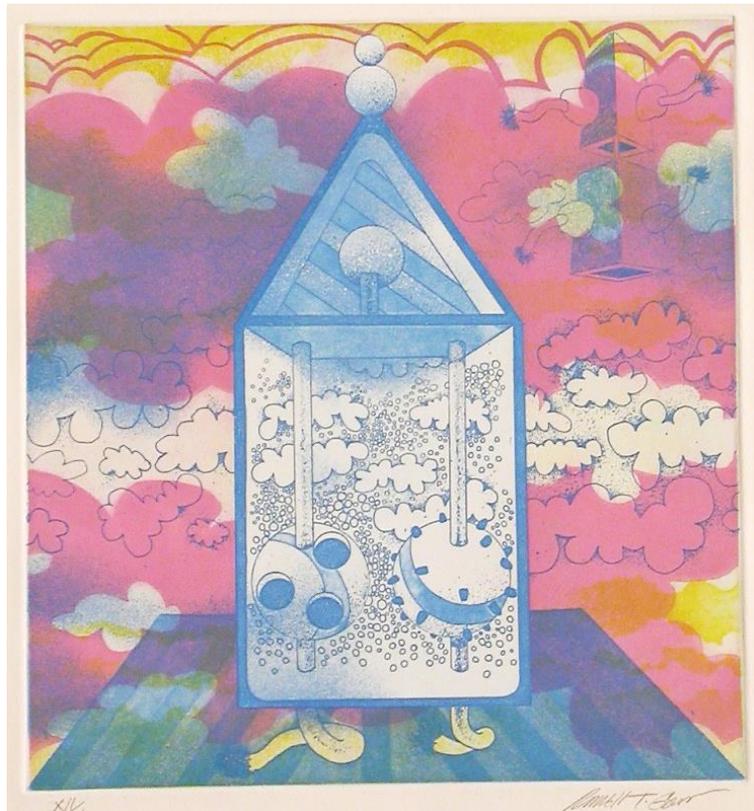


Description: young artists read about houses from around the world and then create an artwork using crushed chalks!

Story: “This is My House” written and illustrated by Arthur Dorros (Scholastic; 1992)

Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- This artwork has colors that look lighter or darker in different areas.
 - Can you find a dark pink? How about a dark blue?
 - Can you find a light pink? A light blue?
- Can you find a square or box-like shape?
 - A triangle or pointy shape?
 - A circle or a round shape?
- How does this artwork feel? What words or sounds would you use to describe it?



Materials Needed

- 1) half-sheet of heavy paper
- 2) three: colors of chalk
- 3) three: Ziplock bags
- 4) Paintbrush
- 5) crayon
- 6) containers for chalk
- 7) **optional:** mallet
- 8) **optional:** newspaper



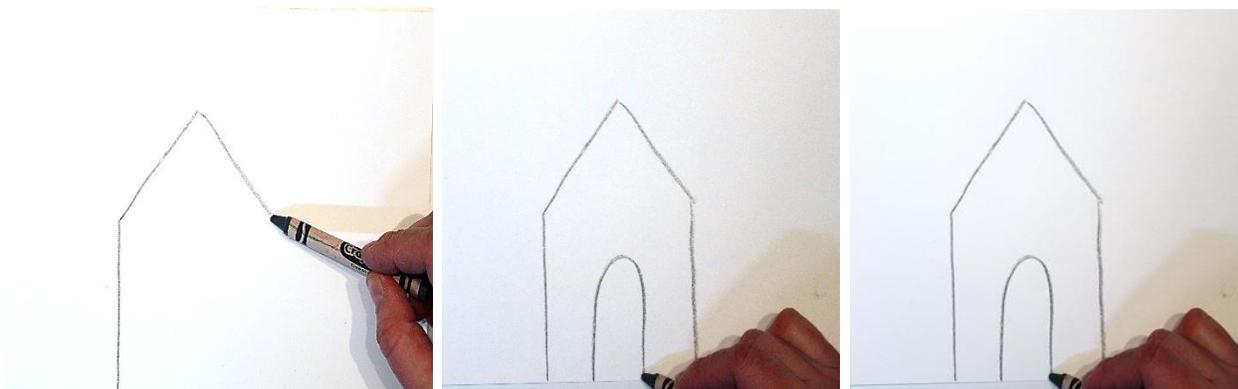
Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) drawing
 - b) painting
 - c) tool manipulation
- 2) Language development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- 3) 21st-Century
 - a) creativity
 - b) collaborating

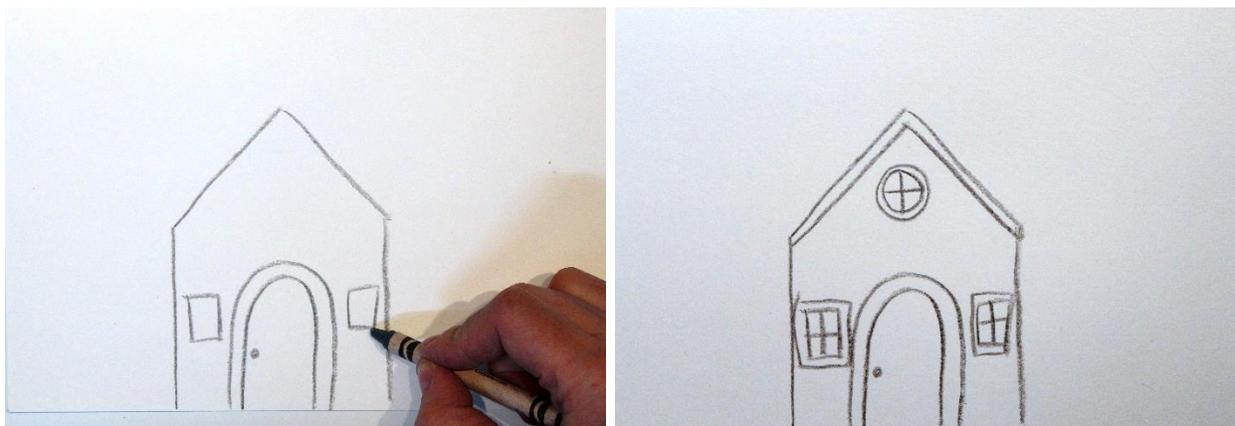
Project Instructions

- 1) Let's draw a little house using basic shapes. You can make many choices when drawing. Do you want the top of your house to have a point or triangle, or do you want it to be square? Do you want a door that is oval or one that is a rectangle?

Helpful hint: take inspiration from your own house or an imaginary one instead!

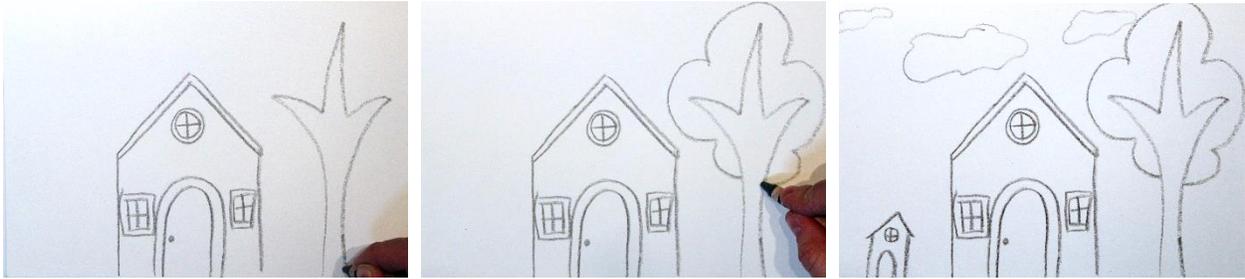


- 2) You can also pick your own windows. Do you want round or square windows? Or both? Do you want a chimney? Draw only the outline of the shapes and do not color them in.



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- 3) What other outdoor details could you add to your drawing? Look out the window or go outside for ideas. Do you see trees, clouds, or a doghouse? Add something to your drawing you would find outside.



- 4) Place each of the chalk pieces into separate Ziplock bags and zip shut. Use a tool to smash the chalks or step with your shoe to smash the chalk into powder.

Note: this part can get messy. Either smash your chalk outside or place newspaper down first on a hard surface, ideally a floor. Remember, a little chalk goes a long way.



- 5) Pour chalks into their separate containers.



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6) Dip your brush into the chalk one color at a time and brush onto your drawing.

Helpful hint: experiment on a piece of scrap paper. For darker colors, rub the chalk with your fingers or wet the paper with water and then sprinkle chalk over the wet areas.



7) Beautiful! Who would you bring with you to visit your house?



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