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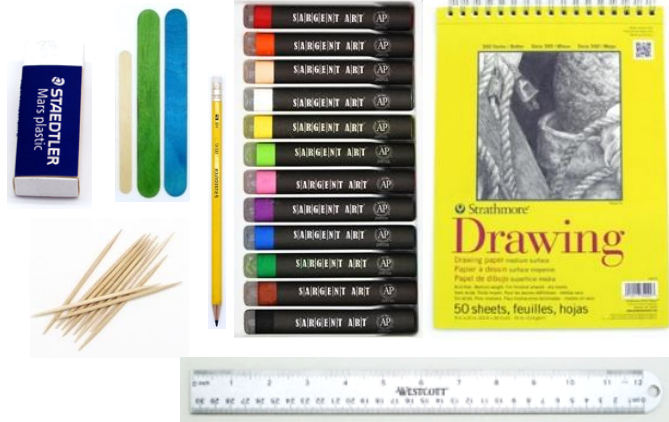
Oil Pastel Peace Drawing

Create an oil pastel drawing to celebrate International Day of Peace



Materials Needed

- 2-3 sheets: 9x12" drawing paper
- oil pastels
- pencil
- eraser
- **optional:** ruler
- **optional:** toothpicks
- **optional:** popsicle sticks



Step 1

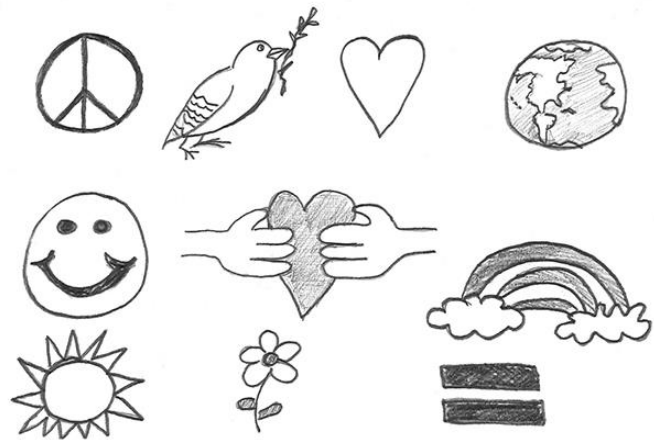
Take a quiet moment to think about the concept of peace, living in peace, and what you think a peaceful world looks like. Write a list of 10 words or phrases that best describe those ideas.

• LOVE	• NO FEAR	• COOPERATION
• HARMONY	• CALM	• UNITY / TOGETHER
• HOPE	• KINDNESS	• EQUALITY
• JOY	• HAPPY	• SERENITY
• TRANQUIL	• PEACE OF MIND	

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Step 2

Select the top 3-5 words or phrases from the list and illustrate them with symbols (ex: clouds for dreams, a heart for love, two hands shaking for cooperation, etc.).



Helpful hint: to help generate imagery and word associations, use a thesaurus to find synonyms as needed, or try metaphors for further interpretation (ex: a heart of gold for kindness, a farmer planting seeds of hope, etc.).

Step 3

Select the best symbols and imagery from your list and create 3-5 sketches that combine them all. Try a variety of combinations. Symbols can also be merged to create more meaning (ex: peace sign + Earth = world peace).



Step 4

Select the sketch you enjoy the most and create a full-size drawing of that concept on drawing paper with pencil. Draw lightly to erase as needed.

Step 5

Color the drawing with oil pastel. Consider what colors may best express the concepts or feelings (ex: yellow or orange for joy, green for growth, etc.). Use any colors as desired.

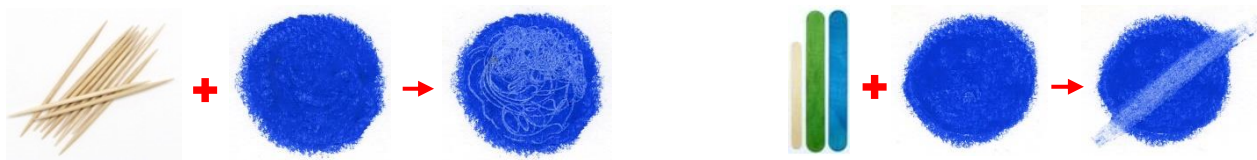
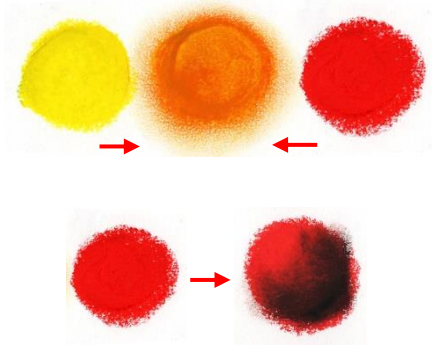


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Step 6 (optional)

Add value, texture, and detail to the drawing. Use fingers or other pastels to blend colors together. Use white oil pastel to lighten colors and black oil pastel to darken colors. Use toothpicks to scratch in fine detail lines and popsicle sticks to scratch away larger areas of color or create a faded color effect. Press firmly.



Extra Challenge

Create another drawing about peace using similar imagery in a new configuration. Use chalk pastel to recreate your image on your driveway or sidewalk (with permission).

Resources

- [Watch a tutorial showing oil pastel techniques](#)
- [Read about the history of the peace symbol](#)
- [Learn more about the International Day of Peace](#)

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