

## AMI Visual Art Projects (Grades K-12)

Projects can be turned into art teachers upon return to school.

### Found Objects Color Wheel (Grades K-5)

If your student's parents are clamoring for ideas to keep them occupied, this will do the trick! The idea here is kids will search the house and gather items that fit into each color on the color wheel. Objects don't have to be completely one color to fit into a color family. But they should be mostly that one color. Take a photo of your completed color wheel.



## **Newspaper and Magazine Collages (For Grades K-12. Difficulty can vary based on grade level.)**

Design a fantasy world, crazy creatures, or whatever comes to mind. They will need to ask permission to cut up magazines and newspapers, first. Give them creative permission to include any other art materials they wish. They can even cut some things out and free draw other parts and collage them together!

If your students don't have access to materials, why not try to create a digital collage using Google Slides? First, they can search the internet for a background image and place it in the background of the slide so it doesn't move. Secondly, they can select pictures from online or on their device and use the [remove.bg](http://remove.bg) website to delete its background. Then, they can upload the images to Google Slide and arrange them creatively.



## Homemade Scratch Drawings (Grades K-8. Difficulty can vary based on grade level.)

And this is a great idea for parents who have a lot of old crayons that are down to stubs. Basically, they just have to...

- 1) Using crayon, draw a colorful pattern. Apply crayon heavily so it builds up a waxy layer. Students may choose a color scheme of warm colors (red, orange, and yellow) or cool colors (blue, green, and violet).
- 2) Completely cover the colorful design with a solid layer of black crayon.
- 3) Scratch a drawing into the layer of black crayon, revealing the colored pattern beneath. Any sharp object can be used to scratch with. I recommend the large sized paperclips as they're a little more sturdy than the smaller ones. But tacks and very small screwdrivers work, too! The best part is that if they do something they don't like, they can color over it with black and try again.



**Art Museum Exploration and Recreation (For Grades 5-12.  
Difficulty can vary based on grade level.)**

Go to [this link](#) to explore the art collection at the Art Institute of Chicago. Select an artwork and draw it. Below the artwork, write the credit line which includes the artist's name, the title, place, date, medium, and dimensions.

