

# Norton Simon Museum

## Art-Making Activity Tin Foil Raised Art

Giovanni di Paolo's *Branchini Madonna* is characterized by its glittering gold surface and elaborate details. Here, Mary and Jesus are adorned with halos and robes that have been stamped, or embossed, to form raised patterns and letters. Mary's face is further framed by her gold crown inlaid with glass gems and rays of light that surround her halo.



Inspired by this example, experiment with a variety of materials to create a dazzling work of art in this tin foil raised art project.



Giovanni di Paolo (Italian, 1403–1482), *Branchini Madonna*, 1427, tempera and gold leaf on panel, The Norton Simon Foundation



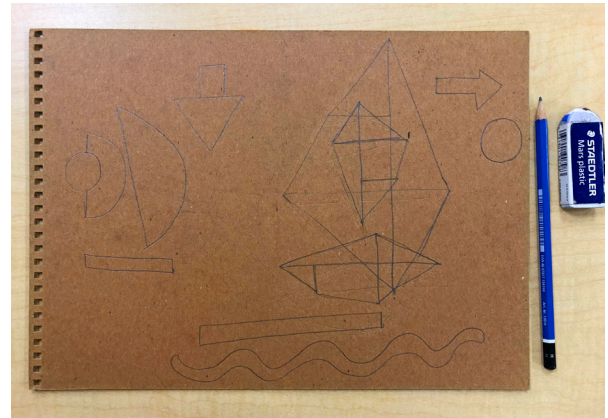
### Materials

- Cardboard
- Pencil
- Liquid glue
- Glue stick (optional)
- Tin foil
- Paper towel
- Acrylic paint

# Steps

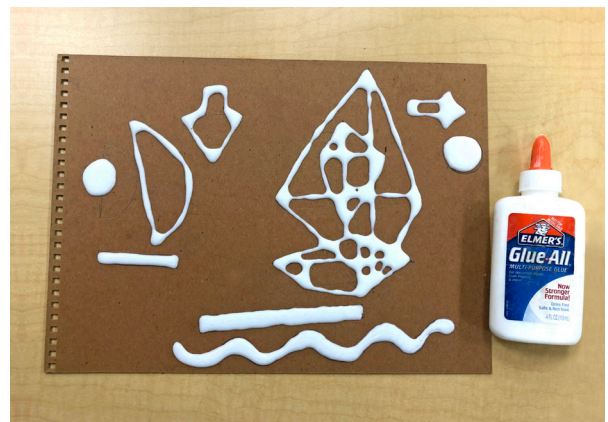
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Using your pencil, draw a design on your piece of cardboard. This project is inspired by Paul Klee's painting *Possibilities at Sea*.



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Next, use the liquid glue to trace your design. Allow your glue to fully dry before moving to the next step.



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Carefully coat your cardboard with a thin layer of glue (using a glue stick or more of your liquid glue).







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Cover your cardboard with a sheet of tin foil that is larger than the cardboard.



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Use a paper towel to firmly press the tin foil to your cardboard and reveal your raised art. The paper towel prevents you from accidentally scratching the tin foil with your fingernails.



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Flip your work over, apply glue on the borders of your cardboard, and fold over the edges of your tinfoil.

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Now, using a dull pencil, add any extra markings or designs to the surface of your tin foil.



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Cover your work with acrylic paint.



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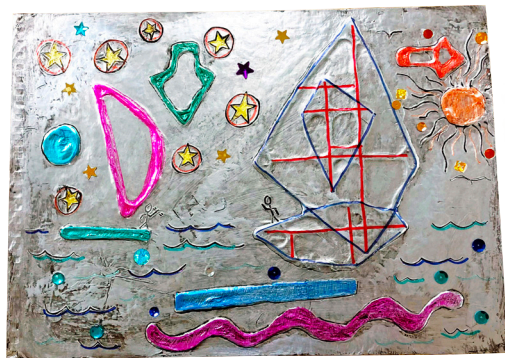
Before the paint dries, use a paper towel to wipe it off. Notice how the paint has gotten into creases of tin foil. This will make your line work stand out.





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Finally, decorate your work using an assortment of materials. Here, permanent marker and sequins were used to enhance the glittering surface.



Place your tin foil raised art across from a window.  
Notice how the light reflects on the colors and textures  
throughout different times of the day!

