Norton Simon Museum

Family Art Project: Pattern Play

Look carefully at patterns found throughout the collections in painting and sculpture. Then create an artwork with a variety of patterns using rubbing plates and recycled materials.

Édouard Vuillard (French, 1868–1940), First Fruits, 1899, Oil on canvas, The Norton Simon Foundation, © The Norton Simon Foundation; Photography courtesy the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

Materials:

- Paper
- Masking tape
- Recycled materials
- Color sticks
- Colored pencils
Steps:

**Step 1:** Gather recycled materials that have interesting pattern potential. Use masking to create a frame for your paper.

**Step 2:** Place your recycled materials underneath your paper. Use color sticks or colored pencils to create rubbings of your patterns.
Step 3: Stop here and enjoy a colorfully framed composition.

Step 3: (Or) Carefully remove the masking tape to reveal the clean edges you created.

Step 5: Enjoy your piece and think about the colors and textures you experimented with.