



Art Concepts for Kids: Texture!

Our online art class explores “texture”.

Texture is the way things feel or the way they look like they feel!

[Scratch Garden Value Song \(all ages\)](#)

This slow jazz intro song teaches you all about texture!

[Happy Lion Learning: An informative video for all ages](#)

[Sesame Street Teaches Texture](#)

[Texture Treasure Hunt](#)

Look at this cool printable for a texture treasure hunt! Fall is the perfect time of year for this. You can also go on a texture walk without the worksheet!

Now for some activities!! Click on the links in the descriptions below for the step by step details.

Ages 2-5 (There are many texture activities perfect for the little ones)

[Bubble Wrap Painting](#)

This is a cool take on found object printing. Simply tape bubble wrap to a roller (a play dough roller would work), make a tray of paint or paint mixes and let go. Be sure to give them a wide paper surface area to explore. Use washable paint and aprons for this one!

[Fork Van Gogh](#)

Texture doesn't have to be complicated. Little ones can explore texture by using a fork to create lines in their paintings. This activity uses a painterly Van Gogh style for art history inspiration. Kids create rough or smooth textural lines using just a fork.

[Painting on Textures](#)

This is a real tactile adventure with opportunity for strange and inspiring results. Kids first make a collage of textural items (cotton balls, cardboard etc.) with glue and paper. Step two is to apply paint and see what happens. I love the way this one is all about process and sensory experience.

[Crumpled Paper Art](#)

Basic and beautiful, this activity allows kids to crumple paper and paint on their crumpled balls. The reveal is a beautiful resist dye effect that is elegant and full of texture.

Ages 5-8

[Oil Pastel Texture Rubbings](#)

This is another activity that involves found objects. By laying tissue paper over the textured object and rubbing with oil pastel you can get many textural details that respond well to the thinness of the tissue paper. Oil pastels have a different feel and are fun to explore on their own. This one may require a more delicate touch.

[Recyclables Print making](#)

Find stuff and print with it! There are so many things you can find in your home and recycling bins that will translate to a variety of beautiful textured prints. Take a look around with the eyes of a print maker!

[Painted Stick](#)

I love this! What a great way to bring nature in doors and to explore texture. How does it feel to paint on a stick? Can you add designs, lines and effects that add to the texture? This is a great activity for siblings and parents to collaborate on.

[Paper Weaving](#)

Paper weaving can be simple, or it can be a high art. I like the way this tutorial shows the variety of thicknesses and cuts you can try to give your paper weaving more interest and originality. Paper can show a surprising amount of textural interest when woven.

Ages 5-10

[Texture Beads with Air Dry Clay](#)

It's hard to beat clay if you're looking for a tactile experience. These sweet creations will teach kids about relief when they make impressions into the clay pieces. The experience of shaping and playing with clay is also a part of the sensory fun.

- [White Crayon Nature Rubbings](#)

I love this activity because it teaches about the art of resist dying. Where that the white wax crayon has rubbed will resist the colors of the paint giving you white textural leaves. The final product is very beautiful and satisfying.

Ages 8-10

[Branch Weaving with Yarn](#)

Fiber art! This fun activity takes kids into another dimension of texture as they learn how to weave on a branch. Some kids may need extra guidance until they get it down but its sure to be a hit. This may also lead to interest in knitting or other fiber art crafts.

[Styrofoam Printing](#)

This activity is introduction to block printing using Styrofoam plates. Scrap Styrofoam can be used for this too! Kids can create their image on the Styrofoam first in crayon and then press down with a tool to create their final block cut image. Remind them that whatever they design will be printed in reverse.

If your art kid is interested in taking a deeper dive into the world of texture, follow the link below by the wonderful KQED Arts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoOb3JSDAUo>

Please check us out again on 10/31 as we line up for “LINE” as an art concept. Stay tuned to the [Student Parent Programs Facebook](#) page and the [UMass Student Parent Programs Event Page](#)- activities for each session will be posted the Friday before the date listed.