

# OPEN STUDIO

**Nature's Texture** Use natural materials and experiment with texture and pattern by creating a textural rubbing inspired by your indoor or outdoor surroundings. This Open Studio is designed by CAMH's Teen Council.



## Materials

- Texture Materials (leaves, stems, flowers, etc.)
- Blank Paper for your rubbings (tracing paper, printer paper, scrap paper, etc.)
- Crayons or Colored Pencils

## Instructions

### 1. Discover Textural Materials

Explore your backyard or your home and collect safe materials with texture. Feel the veins of leaves or flowers for interesting textures or find differently shaped leaves. Tip: Flexible items that can be flattened are easiest for this project.

### 2. Layout Materials

Find a place at home where you can safely layout your materials and comfortably work on your artwork. Be sure you have a hard and flat surface to work on.

### 3. Sketch your Artwork

Pick one of your texture materials and place it under your piece of paper on a hard and flat surface. Then take your crayon or color

pencil and with pressure apply color over the item underneath the paper. Repeat with each texture material you gathered. Tip: Remove the paper wrapper of your crayons and hold the tool horizontally.

### 4. Design with Texture

Now that you know what each item's rubbing looks like design a pattern. Either repeat the same item in different colors or arrange different textures to create an image like a nature scene. What else has texture? Coins and the bottom of your shoe are fun places to begin exploring.

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### Rubbing (frottage)

A reproduction of the texture of a surface.