TEMPERA BATIK PROJECT
PROJECT INSPIRATION

BATIK  (buh·teek)

The traditional art of batik originated in Indonesia and involves a technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to cloth.

"There are two main methods of making Indonesian batik: one using a small tool called a canting to draw patterns, the other using metal stamp to apply the wax."

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WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Heavy paper
- Chalk
- Oil pastels or crayons
- Wide paintbrush
- Dish soap
- Small bowl
- Access to a sink

Pro tip! Cover your table with newspaper or tablecloth to reduce the mess!
Choose a simple design or image for this project. Zoom in!

With pencil, draw your image and fill the paper.

We were inspired by this work in our collection!

Will Barnet
Cat and Canary
1971
lithograph
23 1/2 x 29 7/8 in.
Bequest of Sara Virginia Jones
1991.020
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Trace all your lines in chalk. This is where your black paint will go!

Pro tip! Draw with chalk along the paper's border.
Color your design using oil pastels or crayons.

We recommend pressing down hard when coloring & filling in as much as you can (avoiding chalk lines).
In a small bowl, mix some black tempera (or even acrylic if that’s all you have) with just one quick squeeze of liquid dish soap. Mix.
Coat the surface of your piece with the tempera and soap mixture. Don't be nervous!

Even if a cat is staring at you!

Let sit for 10 minutes.
AT THE SINK:

Gently rinse the paint off your drawing by turning on the water on a very low/light stream. Don't rub or scrub!
TA-DA!

Hang your paper or lay flat to dry.

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