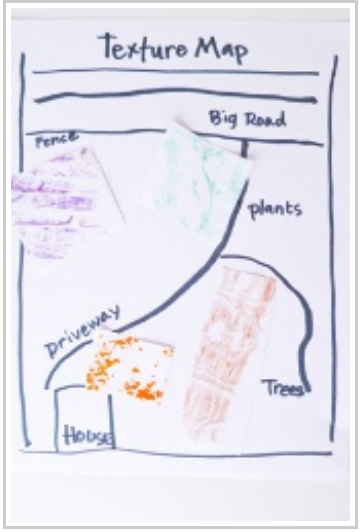
Create a Texture Map

We use maps to help us find our way when we are lost or going somewhere for the first time. Maps include roads, special places, towns, and lakes, streams, mountains, and forests. Your child can create a map of his neighborhood focusing on the different textures he finds!



What You Need:

- Sheet of white paper
- Crayons
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Black marker
- Glue

What You Do:

1. Invite your child to gather all the materials he needs for making the outdoor texture map and put them in a bag to carry along during the adventure.
2. Now head outdoors to see what you can find! Encourage your child to stop and use his crayons to create rubbings of the interesting textures he finds. It's as simple as placing a sheet of white paper on the textured object and going over the paper with the side of the crayon.
3. Continue walking and rubbing until your child feels he has lots of texture rubbings to use for creating his map. Every time your child stops to make a rubbing he can make a quick note about his location.
4. Now your child can use another sheet of white paper to create his texture map. Invite him to use a black marker to draw the map of his walk and then use a scissors to cut the texture rubbings from his walk and glue them at the locations he stopped.

Invite friends and family to walk his texture map and see if they can find the same things he did!

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