



## Making Crayons

Crayons are popular with all primary pupils. Using crayons brings life to charts and graphs, Story Maps, Venn Diagrams, Dioramas, drawings and sketches, and a variety of other creative works.

### Objectives:

- Teacher will make crayons using natural materials from the environment
- Pupils will gain experience in expressing themselves using crayons

### Materials:

- 2 ounces of beeswax
- 2 ounces of paraffin
- 6 teaspoons of turpentine
- 3 to 5 ounces of red, black, yellow or brown soil mixture (see **Making Paint**)
- pan to melt wax
- spoon to stir mixture
- aluminum foil
- cupcake or muffin cups
- cupcake or muffin pan cooker

### Directions:

1. Line the cupcake or muffin pan with aluminum foil.
2. Place paper cupcake cups into the cupcake or muffin pan.
3. Turn on cooker to slow heat.
4. Place the wax and paraffin in the pan.
5. Put the pan on the cooker over low heat.
6. Slowly add turpentine and dry soil to the warm wax and paraffin mixture.
7. Stir all ingredients until mixed.
8. Pour warm mixture into cupcake cups.
9. Let cool.
10. Remove crayons when cool.
11. Use crayons to draw pictures; add color to Story Map, charts, graphs, mobiles and dioramas.

### Variations:

- Add food coloring to make a variety of colors
- Add juices such as grape, orange, tang or Kool-aid to make more colors
- Add scents such as vanilla, cinnamon, perfume, or liquid hand soap
- Add ingredients such as glitter

