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ART ACTIVITY  
INSTRUCTIONS:

**PRINTMAKING**

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**Discipline:** Visual Arts

**Duration:** 15 minutes or longer

**Age Range:** Grades 1 and up

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**Materials:**

Cardboard  
Rubber bands  
Liquid Glue  
Crayon/Colored Pencil  
Paper

**Vocabulary:**

Collograph plate  
Pattern  
Rubbing  
Texture

Using recycled materials around the house, you can create your own design on a “plate” then repeat it in different colors and different kinds of paper. Think low tech!

**Learning Goals:**

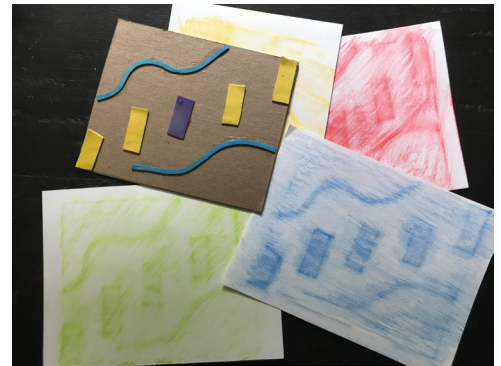
- You will learn new creative uses for every-day objects.
- You will learn a low-tech way of making multiple prints of the same design.

**Steps/Instructions:**

1. Take the cardboard from a cereal box or other packaging and cut it down to a rectangle or square a little bigger than your hand.
2. Rubber bands from vegetables or mail are great for this since they come in many sizes. Cut them to different lengths.
3. Lay them out on your cardboard to make a pattern. Once you have a pattern you like, put glue on the rubber band and press them into place on the cardboard.
4. Let it dry! You just made a “collograph plate”!
5. Lay a piece of paper over your collograph plate. Using the SIDE of a crayon or colored pencil (do not use the tip), rub back and forth across the paper. The pattern from your collograph should show up darker. The blank parts should be lighter. Having both raised parts (rubber bands) and recessed or blank parts creates texture. Now you’ve made a rubbing.
6. Now get a new piece of paper and repeat Step #5 with a different color.
7. Keep going and compare which ones you like best.

**Activity Closing: Now What?**

- You now have your own stationary. Write letters to loved ones.
- You now have an interesting background. Use a pen or marker to draw something over it.
- Not happy with the way it turned out? Save it for a future collage project!



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