



The Fabric Workshop and Museum



FWM @ Home Activity: Parsemage Prints

Materials:

- Chalk pastels
- Charcoal
- Conte crayon
- Spices (turmeric, curry, chili powder)
- Sandpaper
- Brushes
- Cooking tray or pan with 1" tap water
- Heavyweight paper
- Newsprint or newspaper

Steps:

1. Rub charcoal or pastel onto paper and collect the accumulated dust. (you can use spices if you don't have pastel or charcoal)
2. Fill a baking sheet or bin with an inch or so of water.
3. Sprinkle charcoal, pastel or spice powder onto the surface of the water.
4. Pull a clean piece of paper across the surface to create a dust print.
5. Repeat again and again.
6. When your prints dry, use the abstract dust pictures to inspire your own image.

About FWM @ Home and the Quarantine Prints Series

FWM has a long history of challenging Artists-in-Residence and staff to use innovative materials, methods, and art-making practices. During the museum's spring 2020 closure as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis, our education team considered the challenges art teachers and caregivers were facing and developed the Quarantine Prints series in response as an opportunity to explore and expand ideas of art making.

Each exercise can be adjusted to suit the age and abilities of students and/or family members. Use these projects to imagine new materials, tools, and possibilities in times of uncertainty and resourceful living. Visit our [website](#) for additional activities in the series, check out [FWM's YouTube channel](#) for how-to videos created by FWM staff, and share images of your results on social media using the hashtags #FWMatHome and #FabricWorkshop!