

Crayon Butterflies: (Oven Method)

Items Needed:

wax crayon stubs

Cookie Sheet

Butterfly Cookie Cutter (could use any other shape)

Instructions:

1) Take old crayons and place them (unwrapped) in an old baking pan in the oven at 350 degrees for about 10 minutes. They should all melt and look like tie-dye.



2) Take the sheet of melted crayons out of the oven and let them cool off. They should still be slightly warm to the touch. Use a sharp cookie cutter to make out shapes in the crayon.

3) Let everything cool completely and then pop out the shapes.



Crayon Shapes & Decorations:

(Stove Top Method)

Items Needed:

wax crayon stubs

tin cans or glass jars

saucepan

wooden skewers or kebab sticks for stirring

boiling water

candy mold, mini muffin tin or silicone ice cube tray

Instructions:

1) Place each separate group of colored crayons into a small jar or tin can.

2) Partially fill a saucepan with water and bring it to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Place jars or cans containing the crayons into the water. Stir melting wax with wooden skewers to blend together the different shades of color in each container.

3) Pour melted wax into candy molds, mini muffin trays or silicone ice cube trays and let cool.

4) When molded crayons have set completely, pop them out of the molds. Your brand new crayons are now ready to use or you can use them as decorations.



Wax Paper Stained Glass Mobile (using old CD):

Items Needed:

Wax paper

Crayon shaving (crayons shaved with a scissors or a knife - by an adult)

Scissors

An iron

Hole punch

string

Old CD

Screw Driver and screw or drill

Instructions:

1. Preparing the CD: Figure out how many things you want to hang from the mural (should be a multiple of 3) and make that many, equally spaced holes about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the edge of the CD. Use a drill and bit to create the hole. You can also use a screwdriver to turn a screw just far enough to pierce through the CD, then withdraw it to leave behind the holes. Spray paint the papered side of the CD and set the CD aside. Note: if you don't have a CD handy, you could also suspend the fish from a plastic lid, a brass ring of suitable size, or even an interesting piece of driftwood.
- 2) Fold a piece of waxed paper in half. Trace the animals, flowers or shapes you would like to use as mural on half of the waxed paper. There are many different shapes at [Silhouettes of Animals & Shapes for window ornament or mobile](#) or <http://www.warner-criv.com/patterns.aspx>
- 3) Open the waxed paper and put it on a flat surface. Put some crayon shavings on the waxed paper. Make sure you have enough to cover your entire shape.
- 4) Cover the waxed paper with another piece of brown paper sack or cloth over the wax paper (to protect your iron) and iron the wax paper on a low heat (no steam) setting.
- 5) Cut out your shape. Punch a hole near the top.
- 6) Put a string in the hole for hanging it
- 7) Repeat steps 2-6 for all the shapes you want to hang out your mobile.
- 8) Attach all of the shapes to different holes in the CD.
- 9) To hang the CD on the wall, choose three of the holes that are evenly spaced. Tie string on each of these holes pointing the opposite side as the wax paper figurines. Attach each of these three string to a hook on the ceiling.

