

# Using Pastels to Capture Texture

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Simple technique for enabling children or teenagers to explore using pastels, with graphite, to capture the texture of fabric.



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Children in the AccessArt Art Club for ages 7,8 and 9 explored using soft pastel and graphite to capture the texture of textiles. It was a simple but rewarding session in which children worked intuitively to capture the feel of the fabric. In some cases we folded the garments into rectangles to help children focus on the texture, not the shape of the garment. I wanted the children to concentrate on capturing the essence of the material, without being held up by trying to draw the form

of the clothes.

**Materials**

- Soft pastels
- Soft (B) pencils
- Erasers
- Graphite
- A2 drawing paper

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