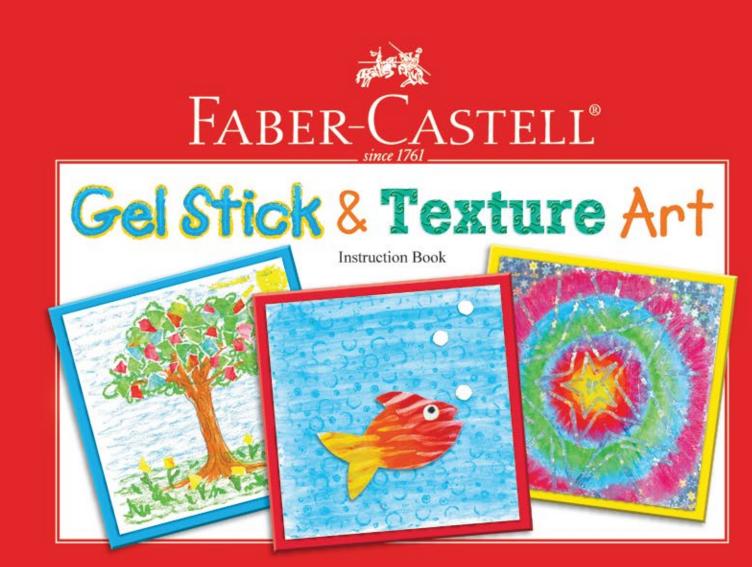


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## Introduction

Draw, color and paint in this multimedia art set featuring Faber-Castell gel sticks. Everything you need to explore the silky smooth gel sticks on coated, fuzzy, bumpy and shiny surfaces. Rip, paste and collage your papers into new pieces of art.

For inspiration, we recommend looking at some professional collage art by the well known illustrator Eric Carle.



### Time to Prep

#### **Important Information about the Gel Sticks**

The gel sticks are a special non-toxic formula. Although they are washable from skin with soap and water, they may stain some surfaces. Cover your work surface with newspaper. Wear old clothes or a paint smock. Have a cup of water and paper towels handy and clean up any spills immediately while still wet.

> **Please note**, you will be able to use the packaging to store your components. Use the open rectangular compartment in the gel stick tray as a water dish.

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## Gel Stick Techniques

Gel sticks are very soft, water based sticks of color that can be used to draw, color and paint with when water is applied. Here are some ways to use the gel sticks in your kit.



### **Rubbing Plate**

Color on the rubbing plate with a gel stick.

Wet a sheet of paper using your paint brush and water.

Place the wet side of the paper on top of the rubbing plate you just colored.

Press the wet paper onto the rubbing plate and watch the pattern transfer to the paper like magic.

Color on the fuzzy paper with the gel sticks. Use another small piece of paper or your finger to rub the colors together. This is a wonderful way to show blending.

**Fuzzy Paper** 



### **Color Resist**

Dip your paintbrush into water and gather some color from the tip of the gel stick. Paint on the white papers with waves and leaves. The pattern areas will stay white while the areas around them will become painted.

#### **Embossed Stars**

Gently run the gel sticks over the paper embossed with stars. Use different colors in different areas and blend them for a cool effect.





### **Color & Paint**

Color directly onto the watercolor paper. Dip the brush into water and brush over the colored areas to give it a painterly look.

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## More Techniques

#### **Fun with Stencils**

Use the pencil to trace your stencils. Color the shapes in with your gel sticks.





### **Transfer Art**

Color all over a sheet of art paper with lots of gel stick colors. Place a blank piece of paper onto the gel stick colored paper. Use your pencil to draw a design on the blank paper pressing firmly. The colors will transfer onto the blank paper wherever you draw.

1. Color

2. Transfer

3. Reveal Flip over to reveal your transferred art

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# Collage Art

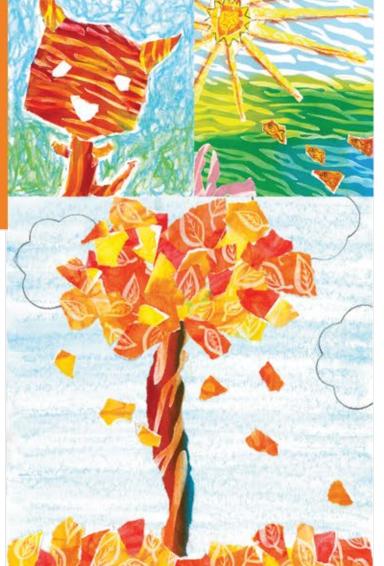
After creating some fun and colorful papers, use them to create a collage. A collage is made from different images, colors, and materials that are added to a page to create one complete piece of art.

Think of a picture you'd like to create. Maybe it's a landscape, like a beach or a the park filled with trees.

Use your fingers to rip your colorful papers into smaller pieces.

Using the glue stick, arrange the pieces into shapes and designs as you create your image on a full sheet of art paper.

Add definition to your collage art with the pencil, gel sticks or paint brush.



# Finishing

When your art is completely dry, place a sticky square on each corner of the back of your paper.

Hold the paper over one of the foam frames until it looks centered and press it down firmly.

Flip the foam over. Place a plastic hanger in the top center of the foam so it hangs straight.

Enjoy this unique and fun way to create colorful, textured artwork!

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