

# INSTRUCTIONS

Reveal dramatic effects with every scratch! Bring your drawings to life in a whole new way! Stunning contrast and amazing effects await just beneath the surface of every Scratch Art board and sheet. Follow these instructions to get started . . . then set your creativity free!

### Getting Started:

- Hold the wooden stylus just like a pencil or crayon, with the sharpened tip down.
- Place the tip against the Scratch Art board or sheet, and press down gently as you pull the stylus across the surface.
- Wipe away any black specks from the Scratch Art surface with a tissue or soft cloth.
- If your stylus begins to dull, use sandpaper to sharpen the tip.

#### Using the Stencil Sheet:

- Punch out the shapes you want to use. (You can use your wooden stylus to help.)
- Lay the stencil over the Scratch Art surface and use your wooden stylus to trace the shape.
- Remove the stencil sheet, embellish or fill in the shape, or choose another shape to trace!

#### Keep in Mind:

Start small-it's easy to scratch away more of the surface coating, but you can't put it back!

## **DESIGN INSPIRATION**

Take your Scratch Art to the next level with these design ideas!

- Try holding the stylus at different angles (even upside-down!) or using varying levels of pressure to get different effects.
- Choose a stencil shape to inspire a scene. Trace it onto your Scratch Art board or sheet, then let your imagination take over.
- Look around your house for other items you can use to make designs in the Scratch Art surface—the tines of a fork, a pen with the cap on, even a stiff brush. (Get creative . . . just ask a parent first!)
- Use sandpaper to shape the flat end of the stylus into a custom drawing tool.
- · Make a Scratch Art portrait of someone in your family.
- Make a blind-contour sketch by using your wooden stylus to draw without looking. (Don't lift your stylus from the Scratch Art surface!)
- Use different stencil shapes, one at a time, to make up a single drawing or to tell a visual story. Can you use them all?
- Write your name on a Scratch Art board or sheet and draw some of your favorite things to make an original name plaque for your door.
- Use scissors to cut a custom shape out of your Scratch Art sheet, or to make mini masterpieces or gift tags.
- Cut your own stencils out of index cards or a recycled gift box, or use cookie cutters or shaped toys to trace.
- Use multiple Scratch Art boards or sheets together to make a giant artwork, with one piece of the picture on each one. Or spell out your initials, with one letter on each piece. Decorate each letter to make your extra-large monogram extra-special!
  - ... and that just "scratches" the surface! Have fun, get creative and come up with your own design ideas, too.

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**Warning!** Choking hazard due to small parts. Stylus has a functional sharp point.

To avoid tearing, take care when punching out shapes from the stencil sheets, and use the wooden stylus to press out detailed areas first. We <u>care</u> about your comments. Please call us!

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