



# GRAFT CORNER

## TURN YOUR OLD TOOTHBRUSH INTO A PAINTBRUSH!

Did you know you should replace your toothbrush every three months? That's when the bristles usually start looking worn out. You should also get a new toothbrush if the bristles look frayed. **Instead of just throwing the old one away, turn your toothbrush into a paintbrush!** The bristles will make some fun patterns. Try it out with the help of a grown-up.

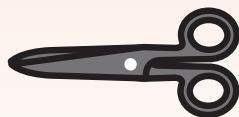
### HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED:



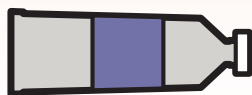
OLD NEWSPAPER



OLD TOOTHBRUSH



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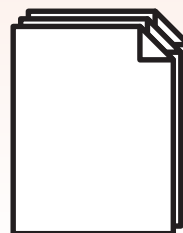
PAINT



BOWL



GLASS OF WATER



PAPER FOR PAINTING



APRON OR OLD SHIRT

### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Cover a flat surface, such as a table or counter, with newspaper or butcher paper. You may also want to wear an old shirt or apron. Painting can be messy!
- 2 Put a blank piece of paper in the middle of the newspaper. Cut a shape out of another piece of paper and lay it in the middle of the blank sheet to act as a stencil.
- 3 Put paint in bowls. You'll need one bowl for each color of paint you want to use.
- 4 Fill a cup with water. Dip the toothbrush in water, then in paint. Hold the toothbrush so the bristles face the paper.
- 5 Using the toothbrush, paint around the shape to create an outline on the blank piece of paper.
- 6 Remove the stencil to reveal the picture underneath! Be sure to wash your hands when you're done.

**YOU CAN TRY WATERCOLOR OR ACRYLIC PAINTS, EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT SHAPES, MIX DIFFERENT COLORS, TRY DIFFERENT BRUSHING PATTERNS – THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!**

