

ART SUNDAY AT HOME ACTIVITY

Create a large artwork outside

inspired by Ildiko Kovacs *Open Fire*



Ildiko Kovacs, *Open Fire*, 2020, oil paint on board, 90 x 220 cm, Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Ildiko Kovacs, 2021

Ildiko uses her entire body to create large paintings that celebrate the use of line and colour. This painting is over 2 meters long! She painted it by laying the board on the ground and moving her body around, drawing layers upon layers of loops and shapes with a paint roller. It's humming with life and energy!

You can create your own large line artworks with your body by making some chalk paint and using a paint brush or foam roller on the ground. This artwork can easily be washed away by water or rain. It's a great way to get moving and see how you can let your body guide your art making!

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MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

- 2-3 cups of corn starch
- Food Dye
- Foam roller or large paint brush
- Water
- Plastic containers for your paint
- A concrete area to create your artwork! This might be a driveway or a foot path



CREATING YOUR ART WORK

1. **MIX** up 2 to 3 cups of corn starch with 2-3 cups of water, then divide evenly amongst some plastic containers. Add a few dashes of different coloured food dye to each.
2. **STARTING** with one colour, push your roller or brush along the ground, looping and turning as you go! Then start with a new colour, overlapping lines and constantly changing directions.



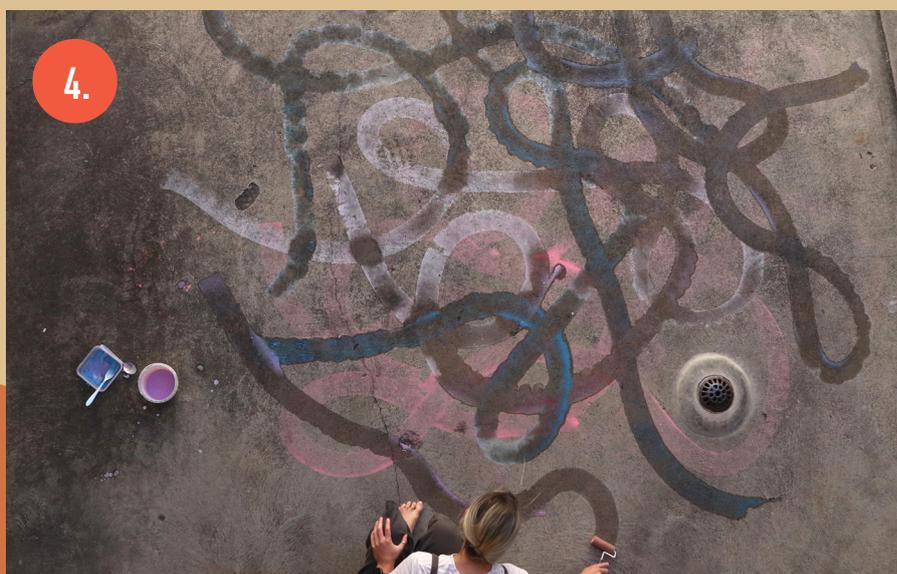
3. **DON'T** be afraid to layer one colour on top of another - as it dries see if you can notice any new colours forming where the lines overlap. Imagine that you are creating one giant tangle of paint!

4. **YOUR** artwork will start to develop as it dries, the water will evaporate leaving the pigment behind. Make your artwork as complex or simple as you like!

5. **PERHAPS** you can walk along the lines you have made, seeing where they lead and retracing what you've drawn.

TIP

Once you are done, you can easily wash your canvas clean with a hose or bucket of water and start a new one. Or leave it there until a rainy day washes it away :)



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