

## Family Art from Home

# Fourth of July Fireworks Design

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This Art from Home project is fun for everyone and allows you to create a beautiful radial design. It is inspired in part by the Museum's art collection, and specifically a painting using radial design made by Ed Garman. Use this work as a starting point to create your own homemade scratch art reminiscent of fireworks! This painting is now on view in the exhibition, *Another World: The Transcendental Painting Group* so you can come and see it yourself!

### Supplies Needed

- Thick white paper
- Black ink or black acrylic/tempera paint
- Liquid dish soap
- Tablespoon
- Regular crayons or oil pastels (not chalk pastels)
- A skewer (a toothpick or stick will work too)
- Wide paintbrush
- Small container for black ink/paint

### How to do it

1. Using your crayons or oil pastels, draw a dot in the center of your paper. Begin filling in the white space with your colors, starting from the center point and radiating out like the rays of a sun.

Change colors as you go and make sure to fill the whole page with color! Note: It is important that you push hard as you draw and coat the paper with a thick layer of waxy color. (See Image 1).



Image 1

2. Prepare the ink mixture in a small disposable container. Mix one tablespoon of ink or black paint to one tablespoon of dish soap.



Image 2

3. With a wide paint brush, cover the entire paper in the ink mixture and let it dry. If you still see the design underneath, simply add another coat of black. (See Image 2). Let dry.

4. Using your skewer, scratch into the dried ink layer starting in the center of the page radiating out. (See Image 3). There is a satisfying process removing some of the ink and also an element of surprise as you reveal the colors underneath. Happy Fourth of July!



Ed Garman, *Painting #231*, 1941, oil on panel, 24 x 24 in. (panel), 31 x 25 x 2 in. (framed)  
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