

the CRAYON MAN

Ideas for teachers, librarians and parents

ART - OBSERVE AND DRAW NATURE

The Crayola crayons inventor Edwin Binney loved nature.

He had a beautiful garden by the sea in Greenwich, Connecticut, USA. He often brought flowers into the office.

Go outside and go on a nature walk! Remember to use all five senses. Look at the colours all around you. What can you see? What can you hear and smell? How does nature make you feel?

Or **bring some nature back home** (a vase of flowers, some leaves, feathers, shells or whatever is available) or look at picture of a garden.



Draw in black and white:

On a plain white piece of paper, first draw some nature/flowers in pencil.

Draw in colour! Now repeat the exercise, but this time, use some colored crayons.

How are the drawings different in black and white and in colour. Do they make you feel different things?



Extension: this activity can also be done using different mediums such as **slate** and slate boards or **chalk** and chalkboards. Think about how having paper has changed the way children can draw.