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Wee Wednesday: Artist Spotlight—Diego Rivera

Book: *Diego Rivera: His World and Ours* by Duncan Tonatiuh

Art: [*Yucatan Woman Waiting while Maize Is Ground* by Diego Rivera](#)

[*Group at Market* by Diego Rivera](#)

Watercolor Resist Paintings

Materials

- Thick paper
- Watercolor paints, either store-bought or homemade (see instructions)
- Paint brush or sponge
- Cup(s) of water
- Crayons



Instructions

- Imagine the everyday scene you would like to depict in your painting. With a crayon, draw the scene on your paper. For an extra challenge and surprise, draw all or part of your scene with a white crayon on white paper.
- Once you have completed your drawing, use your watercolor paints to add additional color, painting over the crayon and watching the lines pop. If you used a white crayon on white paper, watch as your drawing appears as you paint over each place where you drew with a crayon.
- To make homemade watercolor paints, place a few drops of food coloring in a small cup of water and mix. Dried-up markers can also be recycled into watercolor paints by soaking them in a cup of water for several hours. Soak one color of marker per cup of water. Remove the markers from the cup, and use the colored water to paint.

Additional Book Suggestions

These titles may be available at your local library.

Diego by Jeanette Winter, text by Jonah Winter

Diego: Bigger than Life by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, illustrated by David Diaz

Create Your Own Thinking Cap

To create your own paper hat to wear while you come up with ideas, follow this [link](#).