

# SAINT LOUIS ART MUSEUM

## 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](#).