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Wee Wednesday: Dreams

Book: *Story Boat* with words by Kyo Maclear and pictures by Rashin Kheiriyeh

Art: [*Sleeping Woman with Child* by Käthe Kollwitz](#)

[*Sailboats at Fehmarn* by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner](#)

Scratch Art

Materials

- Sturdy, light-colored paper
- Crayons or oil pastels
- Black or dark paint, either store-bought or homemade (see instructions)
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Cotton swabs and toothpicks

Instructions

- With your crayons or oil pastels, cover your entire paper with colorful lines, shapes, and designs.
- Once you finish drawing colors on the page, cover your entire drawing with dark paint using a paintbrush or sponge. (To create homemade dark paint, combine 1 tablespoon of flour, 1 tablespoon of salt, and 1–2 tablespoons of water to achieve the right consistency to make the base for your paint. Add a combination of different food coloring to create a dark color, adjusting the amount of each color as needed. Mix to combine.)
- While the paint is still wet, drag a cotton swab across the page to reveal the colors below. When the painting dries, use a toothpick to add more designs by scratching the surface to reveal the colors below. Create your dream scene using one or both of these techniques.



Additional Book Suggestions

These titles may be available at your local library.

What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers

The Dreamer by Il Sung Na