

Shade-Tex® Rubbing Plates

A Library of Textures Try Them All!

- Design Set
- Textile Set
- Architecture Set
- Nature Set

Textured patterns are molded right into these flexible and sturdy plastic rubbing plates. They are fun, easy to use and practically indestructible. Now you can add texture to pictures, greeting cards, murals, and paper crafts of all kinds.

Rubbing

Simply place paper on top of a Shade-Tex® Rubbing Plate and rub the surface with a crayon, a graphite stick, or a coloring pencil. Textured designs or impressions appear instantly as you rub, creating limitless intriguing patterns. The sharpest impressions are obtained when rubbing with crayons that have flat edges or sides, rather than points. Large, flat Chunk-O® crayons are recommended.

You will get best results if you position the rubbing plate beneath the paper with the Scratch Art® name positioned in the lower left or right corners of each plate. Flip the plate over and produce a different pattern. Experiment and see how many different textures you can achieve.

Once rubbing is begun do not move the paper or the plate – you will get a blurred line. Rubbing should be done on a hard, flat surface. Start rubbing lightly, gradually increasing pressure until you obtain the desired shade.

Add color

Fun and dramatic effects are possible when using colors. You can even mix colors by layering rubbings. Blend colors, or make striking art with just one color!

More Effects

Twist and turn the plates to obtain even more patterns as the lines and shapes overlap. You can achieve cross-hatching, halftones or other pattern variations. The possibilities are limitless!

Add Texture to Polymer Clay

Imagine making clay look like leather! Use rubbing plates to add texture to polymer clay. First apply a silicone releasing agent to the plate. Use Armor All® or WD-40®. Take a thin slab of clay and place it on a Shade-Tex® Rubbing Plate. Add pressure to achieve an imprint or use a brayer to roll your impression. You can even pass the rubbing plate and thin clay slab through a pasta machine at a wide setting. Simply crank out the texture of your choice! For spectacular results, highlight the textures you have created with surface coloring agents like metallic powders, waxes or paints.