

# rothko inspired chalk drawing

## Materials Needed

9x12" black paper, chalk pastels, paper towels, images of Rothko paintings



## How to do it:

1. Look at images of Mark Rothko paintings on the internet. They are a type of art called Abstract Expressionism. **Abstract Expressionism paintings are usually very large and aim to show feelings rather than people or objects.**
2. Ask children think about their day and how it has made them feel. Have them pick 2-3 chalk pastel colors that inspire those feelings.
3. On a piece of black paper, children can use their chosen chalk pastels to draw squares or rectangles on their paper and color them in.
4. Chalk pastels need to be blended. Use **ONE** finger to blend the pastels by rubbing or wrap one finger in a paper towel to stay cleaner and do the same.
5. Have children describe the feeling they were trying to show in their artwork.



## How this art relates to Dalí:

Dalí was a part of the Surrealist art movement. **Surrealist artists are interested in portraying dreams in their art.** Mark Rothko was part of the Abstract Expressionist art movement. Both movements are part of **Modern Art, which refers to art movements that occur after the industrial revolution in the 1880's.** Dalí was only one year younger than Rothko and he pays homage, or respect, to him in the painting *Gala Contemplating the Mediterranean Sea which at Twenty Meters Becomes the Portrait of Abraham Lincoln-Homage to Rothko (Second Version)*. Why do you think Dalí calls this painting *Homage to Rothko*?