

# Sunday Afternoon Recycled Crayons

*After tidying my daughter's art supplies, we decided to round up stray, broken crayons and make some new fun shapes. Great activity to do with kids but adult supervision is a must!*



## Materials and equipment required:

- broken crayons
- tin can, pliers (optional)
- saucepan
- tongs
- silicon ice tray

## Steps:

1. Peel paper off crayons as needed and group pieces into like colours, as you wish. Most of the colours will melt and blend together so take care not to mix too many different colours. We made "lava" from reds, yellows and oranges; "ocean" from shades of blue; "night sky" from blue, black, grey and purple; and so on.



2. Add some water to the saucepan (no more than an inch deep) and place on medium heat.
3. Use pliers to make a pouring spout in the edge of the tin can (optional, but makes pouring into ice tray much easier)
4. Place a layer of crayon pieces into the tin can and set the tin can in the water.



5. When most of the crayons have melted, carefully pour the mixture into the silicon ice trays (we used IKEA trays which were marked “for water only” but they worked just fine!). Continue melting and filling until you run out of crayons or fill the tray(s).



6. You may place the trays in the freezer or fridge to speed the setting process but letting them cool at room temperature makes for fewer cracked crayons.
7. Once the new crayons are cooled, simply pop them out of the ice trays – they are ready to use!

