

Chalk Drawings/Street artists

Artists like Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Raphael, and even Rembrandt used chalk to sketch and create art. Many artists employed chalk to make preliminary drawings of works. Rubens famously used red chalk to sketch out his ideas for compositions.

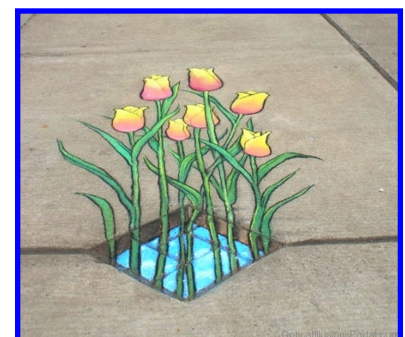
Many street artists use chalk to create three-dimensional scenes that play on perspective and angle to immerse the viewer. These large scale works existed since the 16th century but really took off in the late 1800s, when artists drew scenes to accompany text proclaiming moral lessons and political messages.

Edgar Müller is a modern day German street artist. His fascination with painting began in his childhood, with paintings of rural scenes from his local area. Around the age of 25, Müller decided to devote himself completely to street painting. He travelled all over Europe, making a living with his transitory art.



Art Ideas for all Children

- Chalk Art Town. Children could draw a giant chalk art town and roadway all over the playground. Draw a twisty, turvy roadway complete with a yellow dotted line in the middle to divide the lanes. Children could draw buildings, houses, trees, and whatever else they would like in their town. Once they have it all drawn out children could drive toy cars all over their chalk art town.
- Children could draw a chalk scene to participate in.
- Use chalk to create patterns and designs such as Mandala patterns.
- Challenge children to create optical illusion and 3D chalk drawings (anamorphic art).



Links to Websites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47CDljMFJsl> (David Zinn Street artist exploring his work)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SNYtd0Ayt0> (Time-lapse video of Edgar Müller work)

<http://www.metanamorph.com/> (Edgar Müller Website)