What’s in the Bag? Drawing Challenge

Archaeologists often sketch the artifacts they find. Drawing objects helps record their observations. For this activity, challenge yourself to create a drawing using only your sense of touch. All you need is a paper bag, a secret artifact, paper, and a drawing tool like a pencil, crayon, or marker!

CHALLENGE ONE: Draw what you feel

1) Ask someone to place an object from your home in a paper bag, keeping it a secret from you. Nothing sharp!

2) Touch the object in the bag and draw what you feel with your other hand. Use one non-stop line to create a contour line drawing. Don't pick up your marker until you’re finished!

What did it feel like?

What does your drawing remind you of?

CHALLENGE TWO: Draw what you see

1) Take the object out of the bag and observe closely.

2) Use one non-stop line to create another contour line drawing. Make sure not to pick up your marker until you’re finished!

Did you guess what it was? What did you guess?

What was the hardest part to draw? Why?

Bonus Challenge: Get paper and draw both drawings on top of each other using different color markers. Have fun filling in the negative (empty) spaces with patterns.