Age:  5+

Materials: Painter’s tape, cardboard sheets, scissors.

Introduction: Painting is always a very fun thing to do! But these days we can’t go out as much as we used to, so what if you run out of your favorite paint color? Or if you forget where you left your brush? You can always find other materials to paint with at home...like tape!

Masking tape, also known as painter's tape or sticky tape, is made of a thin and easy-to-tear paper with a sticky side. This kind of tape has many different uses: you can seal, bind, or attach things together...you can label and quickly fix things or, like in this case, use it to paint! Tape is a familiar material in our homes but used in an unfamiliar way, provides a challenge, and that’s part of the fun. Most people don’t paint with tape; therefore, practice is essential.

Activity: Freestyle Painting
- The objective is to create a painting using tape on the surface of the cardboard. You can use one or as many colors of tape you want to create your painting. If you only have one color of tape, you can use a pen and draw different patterns on top of it.
Explore tearing the tape into strips and different shapes. How can you make a dot? How would you make a triangle? Try cutting the tape with your fingers or if you need extra help, you can also use scissors.