

Paint It

Activity

Resource: Ideas for Action

Grade(s): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

What Is it All About?

Use your creative talents to paint ceramic tiles with positive words, phrases, or messages. Consider using one of the Draw-The-Line resources as a starting message, or one of the terms from the [It Starts With You glossary](#).

Why Do It?

Art is a great form of expression, and the tiles can be displayed as a reminder of an important message.

How Do We Do It?

Create a clear message for students to respond to.

Distribute blank ceramic tiles to everyone who is interested.

Host a tile-painting session (lunch hour, break, after school).

Paint words, images, or designs to represent the theme.

Once dry, the tiles can be displayed as a group on a school wall to create a stunning display.

Work with your adult ally to get permission to display the tiles in a high-traffic area in your school.

What Else Do We Need?

- Ceramic tiles
- Paints, brushes

How Do We Get Creative?

All tiles could incorporate one common element (e.g., a colour or word).

Tiles could be designed so that when grouped together, they form one big picture, like a mosaic.

For an LGBTQ message of support, multi-coloured tiles could be arranged to form a rainbow.

Try using different materials (like pieces of paper or sticky notes) instead of tiles.

Adapted from the [University of Toronto's Positive Space: 20th Anniversary Triangle Project](#) and Ophea's Smoke-Free Ontario Pilot Program.