After watching the book reading of *Art* by Patrick McDonnell, have some fun creating the art project below. Share your creations with us on our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MeijerGardens) using the hashtag #MeijerGardens.

You don’t have to be named Art to make art! Turn your own name into a piece of original art!

My name is...Art!

[Click here to follow along on YouTube as we read *Art*.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=)

**MATERIALS**

- White printer paper or drawing paper
- Crayons
- Pencils or markers
- Magnets or tape to hang your art on the refrigerator or place of choice to display

**DIRECTIONS FOR VERSION ONE**

1. Fold a piece of paper in half lengthwise.
2. Ask your child to write, or help them write, their first name on the fold line. For young children, you can write their name or “dot” their name for them to trace.
3. Ask your child to outline their name with either straight or curved lines to make a shape out of their name.
4. Look at the shape made by the child’s name. Using your imaginations, discuss what object you see. Fill in the details to turn their name into art!

**DIRECTIONS FOR VERSION TWO**

1. Fold a piece of paper in half lengthwise.
2. In crayon, ask your child to write, or you can write, your child’s name, pressing as hard as you can.
3. Fold the paper in half and rub with a straightedge object (the edge of a cell phone works well) to transfer the image of the name to the lower half of the paper. The reverse image will be faint. Lightly trace over the letters.
4. Using either straight or curved lines, outline the letters of their name.
5. Look at the shape. Discuss with your child what can be seen in the shape of their name. Have your child draw in the details and turn their name into art!

Display your art, just like Art!