The project on the next page goes along with the book *Sky Color* by Peter H. Reynolds.

If you don’t have this book, click [here](#) to listen to the book read aloud by a member of The Ringling’s Education Staff!

In this story, a young artist named Marisol volunteers to paint the sky for her class mural. There’s a problem, though—she can’t find any blue paint to use! How can Marisol paint the sky without the color blue? On her bus ride home, she finds her answer. Maybe the sky is not always a blue color, but it is sky color.

For the art activity on the next page, we are making our own sky colors using coffee filters, markers, and water! These colorful coffee filters turn into sun catchers once they’re dry!

---

**MUSEUM CONNECTIONS**

This project was inspired by an interesting art installation called *Joseph’s Coat* by James Turrell.

In the Museum of Art, there is a giant square hole in the ceiling of one of the galleries. No, it wasn’t an accident, it’s art! James Turrell’s Skyspace asks visitors to lay down and look up at the sky during sunset. All around the ceiling lights slowly change colors and change how you see the sky.

Take your sun catcher outside and hold it up to the sky. How does your sun catcher look? Did it change colors? What about the sky?

---

**STANDARDS:**

- LAFS.K.RL.1.3
- LAFS.K.RF.4.4
- VA.K.S.1.1


Discover more activities at [ringling.org](http://ringling.org)
ACTIVITY
A COLOR OF HIS OWN

MATERIALS:
COFFEE FILTERS, WASHABLE MARKERS,
SPRAY BOTTLE OF WATER, RIBBON,
HOLE PUNCH/SCISSORS

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE

SUN CATCHERS

DIRECTIONS

1. Use a hole punch or scissors to make a small hole at the top of your coffee filter. Then, color in your coffee filter using markers. Pick whatever colors you want to make your sky, but remember: no blue!

2. After coloring, spray your coffee filter with water and watch the colors begin to blend together like they do in the sky. Be careful not to drown your filter with water. Spray a little at a time!

3. Once it is dry, poke your ribbon through the hole at the top and tie it. Finally, hold it up to the sky or hang it on a window. It becomes a sun catcher! See how it changes in the light?

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click here to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

ROAR is made possible in part by the generous support of the Lester E. Bessemer and Tilley Bessemer Endowment

Discover more activities at ringling.org