**Scratch Art**

**Project #1**

1. Open a 600 X 600 new document with transparent background.
2. Click on the gradient tool and choose a colorful gradiant.
3. Click and drag your mouse across your canvas however you want to apply the gradient.
4. Click on the New Layer button to add a new layer.
5. Fill the new layer with black either by using the paint bucket or by going to Edit🡪Fill.
6. Click on the eraser tool and size it the size you want by using the [ and ] keys on the keyboard.
7. Scratch away on your canvas whatever design you would like.

**Project #2**

1. Open a 600 X 600 new document with transparent background.
2. Click on the gradient tool and choose a colorful gradiant.
3. Click and drag your mouse across your canvas however you want to apply the gradient.
4. Click on the New Layer button to add a new layer.
5. Fill the new layer with black either by using the paint bucket or by going to Edit🡪Fill.
6. Right-click the Type tool and choose Horizontal Type Mask Tool.
7. Select a large fat font about 100 pts. And click on the canvas and type your name.
8. Then click in the layer to accept the text.
9. Click on your eraser and size it so it is not too large.
10. Use your stylus to scratch away inside the letters.
11. Ctrl –D when you are done.
12. Crop away any extra canvas and save.
13. This could also be done with shapes or freehand drawings.

**Project #3**

1. Open a picture with bright colors.
2. In the bottom of the layers panel, click on the little round circle that is half filled with gray (Add new fill or adjustment layer button) and choose Posterize. Choose a small number around 3 or 4 for the level.
3. Click the New Layer button and fill the layer with black.
4. Reduce the opacity so you can see the photo.
5. Click on the eraser tool and make the eraser fairly small.
6. Scratch the picture going in the same direction with your strokes.
7. Every so often, put your opacity back up to 100 to check out what the final product will look like.