

Challenge: I'm Unique!

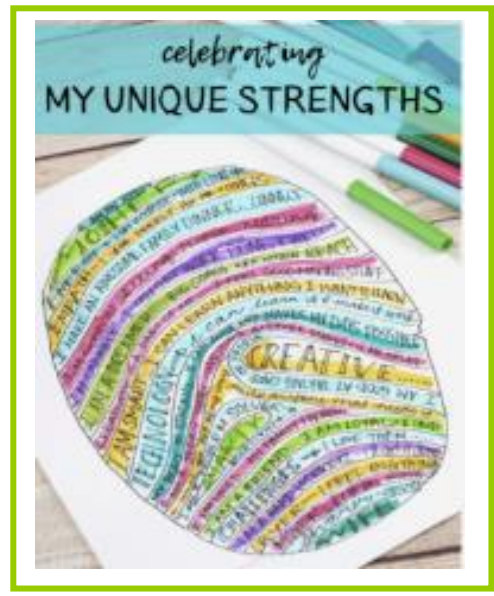
Did you know, everyone has different fingerprints to everyone else? There is no-one else who has the same fingerprints as you – even if you are a twin! Being different to everyone else is called being 'unique' and isn't that great? It would be really boring if everyone was the same – had the same interests, talents, personalities. So, here's a challenge to help you to think about why you are unique. What makes you different from everyone else? What is special about YOU? You'll also be able to have a really good look at your own fingerprint and create a beautiful piece of artwork which represents YOU!

- You will need:**
- two pieces of paper
 - paint or felt tip pen
 - pencil and colouring pens

Step 1: Ask an adult to help you find everything you need. Then, either apply a thin-ish cover of paint or felt tip pen to your thumb or a finger, and quickly print it onto some plain paper. Keep printing your thumb or finger (without adding any more paint) until all the paint has been used up.

Step 2: Let the prints dry then take a closer look. Find the print which shows up your fingerprint pattern the best – you should be able to see lots of wavy lines.

Step 3: Now take a plain piece of paper and copy the main lines of your fingerprint. Look really closely and draw faint lines to begin with. Look for loops and arches, straight and curvy lines. Once you've drawn the main lines, take another close look at your fingerprint and fill in the remaining lines but make sure you leave spaces between the lines that are big enough for you to write in.



Step 4: Once you've drawn the lines, it's time to start thinking about what makes you unique. What is special about you? How might your best friend describe you? It might be that you're kind, helpful, friendly? You might be a talented artist, dancer, or footballer. You might be really helpful at home or someone who makes people laugh. Start writing these things along the lines of your fingerprint.

Step 5: Once you've finished writing about your unique qualities, grab some colouring pencils and start colouring your fingerprint. Maybe a different colour for each line? It's your fingerprint so the design is up to you!

Step 6: If you need to make your writing stand out from the colours, why not go over the words with a black colouring pencil or pen? Make sure you show your artwork to an adult. You could talk about why you chose to write the things you did. What might you write if you were describing your adult, brother, sister, or friend?

Which skills will I be developing?

