Metal Foil Embossing

You'll Need:

Aluminum foil

Cardboard

White glue (or Tacky glue)

Yarn (or twine)

Permanent markers

Cotton swabs

Spoon

Instructions:

1. On a piece of cardboard (rectangular or square as long as it is slightly smaller than your foil), draw your design in pencil. For this project, a simple design with few lines is best.
2. Draw over your design with a dark marker
3. Cover all the lines of your design in white glue
4. Cover all your lines with yarn. Allow the glue to dry **completely** before going to the next step.
5. Take you aluminum foil and gently crumple it without tearing. You just want a little texture.
6. Coat your entire yarn covered picture in a thin layer of white glue (I watered down my glue slightly and used a cotton swab to paint it on). Place the crumpled foil over top and gently press it down into the hills and valleys of the drawing, starting in the center and working your way outward. Be careful not to tear the foil. You can use a cotton swab to press and smooth the aluminum into the crevices, or the back of a spoon for larger areas. This will take some of the wrinkles out of the foil.
7. Fold the edges of the foil back over the cardboard.
8. Once the foil is placed how you like it, color in all the flat areas with permanent markers. Don't color on the raised lines.

Tips and Tricks:

Your design can be a scene from nature, a character, or you can make geometric shapes, whatever you'd like!

Instead of white glue and yarn, trace over your design using a hot glue gun (with the help of an adult). Allow to dry, then cover with foil and continue. The bigger and more intricate your picture, the more glue you will use and the more time it will take to trace all the lines with glue.

Instead of markers, cover the surface with shoe polish and gently wipe some away with a paper towel for a different look!

Remember sharpies are permanent markers so cover your workspace and be mindful of your clothes.