In this activity, students create art by using crayons to draw around different geometric shapes. They then paint a watercolor wash over the crayon outlines.

Pass out a variety of solid pattern blocks and several crayons to each detective.

Have detectives turn to page 13 in the Math Clue Books. Detectives will use the pattern block shapes as stencils by drawing around the shapes with crayon. Have them create a design using different pattern blocks outlined in colors of their choice.

When finished, divide the class into groups of 4. Pass out a set of watercolor paints to each group. Give a paintbrush and a small plastic cup to each detective. Detectives should paint the outlines of the shapes with a contrasting watercolor. This adds a nice effect to the crayon shape drawings.

If the detectives want to create other drawings, have them use the blank pages at the end of their clue books.

MATERIALS:
*Pattern blocks
*Crayons
*Math Clue Books
*Watercolor paint sets
*Paintbrush
*Small plastic cup