

# Toddler Thursdays



**Ivy Billiot**  
*Bear*



**Paul Wayland Bartlett**  
*Bear Cub Grooming*

## Explore Texture with Bears!

Bears can be fierce animals in the wild or cuddly teddy bears you can play with at home. Do you have a teddy bear? If you do, bring it along for Toddler Thursday this week!

Look closely at the two bears above. Ivy Billiot's *Bear* is made out of wood and plastic, and Paul Wayland Bartlett's *Bear Cub Grooming* is made out of metal. If you could touch these sculptures, what do you think they would feel like? Find something made of wood,

such as a door or a table, and something made of metal, such as the outside of your refrigerator. That's what these bears feel like!

Let's experiment with different textures to make our own bear fur! You can use paint, food dye, or even water to make your texture marks. First, lay out a piece of paper, and find different objects to dip into the paint, dye, or water and then press onto the paper—try using a fork, a pencil eraser, a sponge, or aluminum foil.

Share your creations on Instagram with [#HighMuseumatHome](https://www.instagram.com/HighMuseumatHome).

**Ivy Billiot** (American, born 1945), *Bear*, 1999, wood, paint, and plastic, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, gift of Gordon W. Bailey, 2016.15.

**Paul Wayland Bartlett** (American, 1865–1925), *Bear Cub Grooming*, 1887, cast 1932, bronze, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, gift of Mrs. Armistead Peter III, 58.24 B.

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