

Day One: May 1, 2020

HOW TO MAKE MARBLEIZED PAPER WITH SHAVING CREAM AND WATERCOLOURS

The best part about this craft besides the beautiful result is that all of the supplies can be found in many homes, or at a grocery or drug store. This is great because you don't need a trip to the craft store. You can use this beautiful paper to make wrapping paper, homemade cards, book covers, and even paper snowflakes. The possibilities are endless!

SUPPLIES:

- white paper (card stock or watercolour paper or printer paper)
- baking sheet
- shaving cream (foam, not gel)
- food colouring or liquid watercolour paint (or both)
- knife or spreader (for spreading the shaving cream)
- skewer or chopstick (for swirling)
- expired credit card, squeegee (or something similar for scraping)

Ok! Let's have some fun!

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Begin by letting your child squirt shaving cream all over the baking sheet. You'll need the white foamy kind of shaving cream for this. Shaving gel won't work. A tip for easy clean up is to use newspaper under the foam.
- Spread the shaving cream all over the baking sheet in a thick, smooth layer.
- Next, drip the food colouring and/or liquid watercolours all over the shaving cream.
- Now, take your skewer or chopstick, and swirl the colour through the shaving cream. The more colour swirls you have in your shaving cream, the more "marbled" your paper will turn out. Add more colour if you like, but leave some white space for a beautiful pattern to emerge
- When you're happy with how swirled your colours are, grab your paper.
- Have your child gently press the paper into the surface of the shaving cream, and leave it for a half-minute or so.
- Then, lift your paper out of the shaving cream.

You're going to need your credit card now. You can use any sturdy object with a straight edge to do this part. A ruler would work or even a piece of cardboard.

- Have your child scrape the credit card or ruler over the surface of the paper to remove the shaving cream.
- You can give it an extra wipe with a paper towel to get any last traces of shaving cream off.



You can continue to press new paper into the foam and get new results each time. You can also add more colourant to the used foam. For a fresh start, simply cover with fresh foam and begin again.

What can you use your homemade marbled paper for? The potential is limitless.

- Cover or bind a homemade journal
- Use as a mat in a picture frame
- Cut out a bookmark, and cover it with contact paper
- Border a piece of homemade art
- Turn it into a handmade greeting card
- Use it as wrapping paper.
- Use it for your other paper crafts such as origami.



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