

PPLD Young Adult Services Tutorial:

Paper Marbling

Description:

Make marbled paper using shaving cream and paint or food coloring!

Supplies:

1. Paper and scissors
2. Shaving cream (not gel)
3. Food coloring or paint
4. Rimmed pan or sheet
5. Toothpick or other tool for swirling colors
6. Ruler, plastic card, or other straightedge tool for scraping off shaving cream
7. Newspaper, magazines, parchment paper, or a second pan to cover surface

Optional: washi tape

Link to Video Tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/5JufRjC8nEQ>



Instructions:

1. Cut paper into size of your choice—video uses 8.5x6" to fold into a 4.25x6" card and 2x6" strips for bookmarks.
2. Spray shaving cream into the rimmed pan, smoothing out the surface. Drop food coloring or paint onto the shaving cream. Use toothpick to swirl colors around.
3. Prepare a landing zone—set out newspaper or other surface covering to set paper on while scraping off shaving cream.
4. Press first piece of paper down into shaving cream, ensuring the entire surface including edges and corners is pressing into the shaving cream.
5. Carefully lift the paper out of the shaving cream and set shaving cream side up on the landing zone. Use ruler to scrape all shaving cream off of the paper.
6. Set the paper aside to dry. After drying, you may want to set it under a book or other heavy object to flatten out overnight.

Notes: If colors need refreshing or you want to try other colors, scoop out the shaving cream into the trash and start again. You can use washi tape to create designs such as borders and stripes before pressing the paper into the shaving cream.