

Hands-on at Home | Paper Marbling

Follow the instructions below to make beautifully decorated paper with just food coloring and shaving cream.

SUPPLIES

- 2 Shallow Containers or Trays [Large enough for your paper to fit on it entirely]
- Shaving Cream [Any brand is fine]
- Paper [Thicker paper, like cardstock or watercolor works best]
- Food Coloring [Can also use tempera or acrylic paint or liquid watercolors]
- Ruler [Window squeegee, or other flat edge]
- Stick, Pencil, or end of paintbrush for flattening and making designs

DIRECTIONS

- In onetray, spray an even layer of shaving cream over the entire surface. Use hand or stick to smooth shaving cream.
- Add drops of food coloring around the shaving cream. A little color will go a long way. Use your stirring stick to move the colors around. You can mix the colors and make designs- try zig-zags, swirls, or just straight lines!
- Once your colors and designs are finished, take your paper and place it face-down on your tray. Gently press the paper into the mixture, making sure the entire surface of the paper touches the shaving cream and food coloring.
- Pull the paper off of the mixture after a few seconds and place it in your clean tray. Use your ruler to scrape off the extra shaving cream. Underneath you will find your beautiful design. Set your paper off to the side to dry. Repeat!
- You don't need new shaving cream each time! Continue using the same shaving cream to get more colors and new patterns.

CLEAN UP

Wash the shaving cream off of the tray under hot water. To prevent clogging the drain, continue to run the hot water to melt the shaving cream.