Hands-on at Home | Drip Painting

Follow the instructions below to create a beautiful work of art using paint, water, and gravity! This is an open-ended art activity, so use any kind of water-soluable, runny paint or medium that you have on hand.

SUPPLIES

- Paper [Watercolor Paper, Cardstock, or Printer Paper]
- Water
- Paintbrushes
- Paint or Ink Options
    - Tempera Paint and Water [1 part paint to 1 part water OR 1 part paint to 2 parts water]
    - Food Coloring [Dilute food coloring in water and use pipette or dropper to transfer to paper, a staw would work as well]
    - Watercolor
    - Liquid Ink

DIRECTIONS

• Prepare your workspace by using a tray, newspaper, or dropcloth to protect the surface below from drips of paint. Tempera and watercolor will wipe up easily with water, but ink and food coloring will stain.

• Once your workspace is prepared, pick your medium. The only requirement for your medium is that it is water-soluable, so it can drip down your paper.

• Drip your medium onto your paper, then, quickly pick the paper up and tilt it. Tilting the paper will allow your medium to run down the paper. Try tilting the paper in different directions, or while the medium is running down the paper!

• The lines of your medium will start to run together as you add more drops on the paper. To prevent that, let your paper dry in between adding more lines.

• Once you have finished the first part of your painting, let it dry.

• To add finishing touches to your painting, you can color in between the lines with watercolor, colored pencils, marker, crayon, or what you have on hand. You can also create a birds-eye view map by adding drawn details, like trees, houses, or patterns, with pencil, pen, or sharpie.