

Simple Marbling



Items needed (quantity per creation)

- Wallpaper paste powder
- A dish that can fit your paper in it (eg: baking dish)
- Water
- Acrylic paint (slightly watered down)
- Watercolour paper or any absorbent paper (copy paper has a fine wax coating and wont work)
- Toothpicks or kebab sticks

Instructions

Marbling can be hard to master, but the trick is to get the consistency right. When you make up your paste water solution it should look like thickened water. The acrylic paints should only be slightly watered down to ensure they move well.

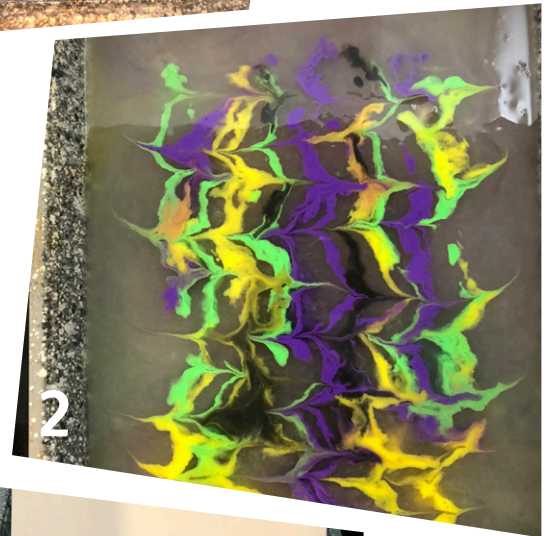
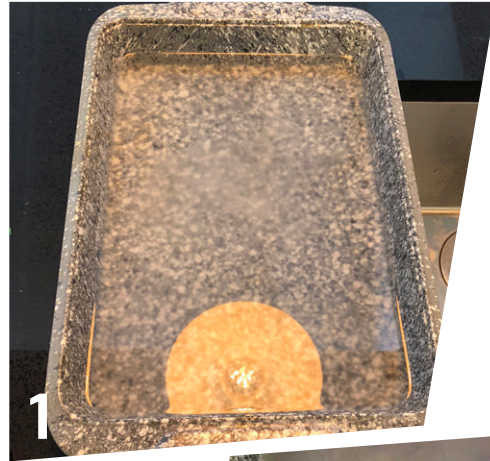
To ensure the consistency is correct make up your water solution, drop some of the thinned paint on top. If the paint sinks the solution is not thick enough add a little more paste powder and try again.

1- Mix up your solution. In this example I used a shallow baking dish with approx 3 cm of water in it. I added about 7 teaspoons of powder paste. Remember to do a couple of test runs first.

2- Put some of your paint into the marbling solution, then using a tooth pick or kebab stick slowly move it around to make a pattern.

3- Slowly lower your paper onto the paint and solution. Start at one end then roll to the other end. Try not to let your paper go under the paste solution.

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4- Once lowered you should start to see the water adsorb into the paper and your pattern come through. Any white parts will be dry and wont print so gently press these down so they touch the surface. Keep in mind the longer paper is in water the more brittle it will become.

5- Slowly pull your paper out across the side of the container (this will wipe off excess and won't ruin your marbling as it has already set into the paper) then rinse under clean water. Hang up to dry.

You can reuse the solution many times. Simply stir the water and then you can begin adding paint again.

