

# SALT PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS



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## STEPS:

### PREPARATION

1. Fill your Dixie cup with water halfway.
2. Fold paper in half and cut or tear along fold. This way you can make two paintings!
3. Use your paint brush to wet each color of the watercolor paints so they will be easier to use later. 3 - 5 drops of water per color should be enough.
4. Test your glue bottle. Squeeze out a short line onto a piece of scrap paper or paper towel to make sure the flow is just right. Practice if you need to so that you can "draw" smooth, thin lines in glue.

### PLANNING

5. Think about what you want to paint. Do you want to draw a picture of something like a flower or bug or landscape? Or do you want to make shapes or lines? Use your imagination!
6. Pro-tips:
  - ⇒ Plan your design so that it takes up most of your paper and doesn't leave too much white space.
  - ⇒ Tiny, detailed designs will be hard to draw in glue.

### DRAWING

7. You can either draw your picture in pencil first, and then go over the lines with the glue, or you can draw directly onto the paper with the glue. Pro-tip: make clear, distinct lines with the glue.
8. Grab your salt shaker and completely cover your glue lines in a thin layer of salt. Don't overdo it—save some salt for your second painting! But do make sure your lines are fully coated.
9. Gently turn the paper over a trash can and tap it to remove the excess salt. Do this quickly so your glue lines don't run!

### PAINTING

10. While your glue is still wet, it's time for the watercolors! Make sure that your paints are plenty wet. You want a deep color, so add more water if needed.
11. Dip your brush in the color of your choice and lightly touch it to the salt line you want to color. Watch the color will spread on its own! Continue this blotting technique to fill your glue lines with color.
12. Pro-tips:
  - ⇒ Rinse your brush in water between colors to keep the colors clean and vibrant.
  - ⇒ Don't be afraid to use different colors in the same line—see how the colors bleed together and interact.

### FINISHING

13. Sign your name in paint, pen, or pencil in a bottom corner of your painting.
14. Let your salt painting dry for one or two days until the glue lines are firm.
15. Hang it on your wall or give it to one of your favorite people to brighten their day!

### MATERIALS (INCLUDED):

- Cardstock paper
- Bottle of glue
- Salt shaker
- Watercolor paint set with brush
- Dixie cup

### MATERIALS (NOT INCLUDED):

- Scrap paper or paper towel
- Water
- Trash can
- Scissors (optional)
- Pencil (optional)

