



Pattern Paper Making

STEPS:

- 1 Using a 1" brush or bigger, apply the paint mixture across the whole page.
- 2 While paint is still wet, use your fingers, combs, or other tools, scrape designs into the paint mixture.
- 3 Set aside to dry. Repeat.
- 4 Day 2: Use the patterned papers to create collage.

Note: This project gets a "3" rating because of clean up and timing. It should take 10-15 min of painting time + 10-15 min of set up/clean up. This is a DAY 1 project.

Materials:

- colored paper
- large brush
- acrylic paint
- hair gel
- container/paper plate
- wet wipes (optional)

Project Short Cuts and Do Aheads

- 1 Cover the tables with newsprint or other paper before you start for easier clean up.
- 2 Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ acrylic paint + $\frac{1}{2}$ hair gel onto paper plates. Keep covered until time to use. Create as many colors as needed ahead.
- 3 Keep a bucket of water & paper towels nearby for students to dump used combs/tools/brushes.
- 4 Distribute colored papers to students before you distribute paint mixture and brushes. Have students make 2+ papers.

Watch Out For...

- 1 Provide analogous colors of paint mixture so if students mix wet colors together, they will avoid making mud.
- 2 Don't press too hard with the tools or the paper could rip.
- 3 Make clean up easier by assigning table leaders to pick up or distribute supplies.
- 4 Avoid a long line to washing hands and provide wet wipes.