



Painting with Cards

STEPS:

1

Pour a small amount of paint or ink into a small container. If you're using tempera or acrylic, add a bit of water so the paint can move easily on the paper or canvas.

2

Dip the card or folded paper into the bowl and paint using the straight/flat edge. Also, use the corner to do lines, dots, dashes, etc.

3

Repeat this with different colors and/or materials as much as you'd like.

Materials:

- Painting paper or canvas
- Ink or paint of any kind
- Plastic cards/mat board/folded papers

Note: This project gets a "2" rating because it is easy to do, but requires some set up and clean up with paint.

Project Short Cuts

and Do Aheads

1

Consider showing art examples by artist Gerhard Richter, a German artist who was one of the first to do this technique. You can show his process with this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF6EluMNR14>

2

You can cut up matboard, fold thick paper or collect plastic credit cards/membership cards, etc. The tools just have to be a thick straight line, able to dip into the paint container.

Watch Out For...

1

Any activity involving paint takes time to set up and clean up. Be sure to set your timer and allow at least 5-8 min for students to clean up their tables, wash hands, etc.

2

The first time you do this technique, limit the color palette to just 2-3 colors. Consider using two primary colors to help teach beginner color theory (blue + yellow = green).