

MARBLED PAPER

Using Shaving Cream

WHAT YOU NEED:

- ☐ Shaving cream
- ☐ Food coloring
- ☐ Shallow pan
- ☐ Plain non-glossy white paper
- ☐ Ruler or spatula

Paper marbling sprawls continents and centuries. Take one look at its stone-like or curlicue effects and it's easy to see why. A variety of methods produce marbled paper. In this example, we will explore the method using shaving cream. Then use your marbled paper for cards, gift wrap, or place it in a frame for one-of-a-kind art!

WHAT YOU DO:

1. Dispense a mound of shaving cream in a shallow pan or countertop.
2. Level it out with a ruler or spatula as best you can.
3. Drop food coloring or paint onto the shaving cream and swirl it (as above). Take care not to mix the colors too much.
4. Carefully press the paper into the shaving cream, smoothing out bubbles. Leave it on for a minute or so.
5. Lift the paper off. Gently rinse under running water and let dry.
6. If the paper is more wrinkled than you'd like, have an adult help you iron it between two plain sheets of paper on the low setting.

