Shaving Cream Marbling Art

(Suggested Ages: 4+)

Gather

- Shaving Cream
- Tray or tin, such as a cookie sheet or cake pan
- Ruler
- Craft stick or toothpick
- Paper
- Liquid food coloring

Let's Create!

1. Squirt shaving cream into a pan or tray and smooth out with your hands to create an even layer. If using gel shaving cream, work the gel with your hands to lather up into a foam on the tray.
2. Add drops of food coloring over the shaving cream. Using a craft stick or toothpick, gently swirl the top of the shaving cream to swirl the colors together.
3. Lay a piece of paper flat on top of the shaving cream layer. Pat the paper lightly and let sit for 1 minute. Gently peel the paper off the shaving cream and lay on a flat surface, shaving cream up.
4. Using a ruler, gently scrape off the excess shaving cream to reveal your marble art! Allow to dry.

How Does it Work?

Marbling involves floating colors on a surface, swirling colors together, and capturing the swirled design on fabric or paper. The colors can come from many mediums such as paint or ink floating on a surface such as water, oil, or gel. The food coloring acts as the color that floats on top of the shaving cream, enabling you to swirl the colors together and capture the marbled colors as a print on paper!

Take it Further!

Use marbling art to explore how colors mix together! Use just *primary* colors (red, yellow, and blue) to create with. What *secondary* colors do you make when you mix different colors together?

What can you create once your marbled art dries? Fold it to make a card for a friend or relative. Create a unique bookmark. Maybe even fold your marbled paper into a paper frog! What will you make?

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