

Marbled paper

(Using things you may already have around your house!)



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Top tips from Mrs Cameron



- Wear older clothes, or ones that you or your adults won't mind if they get messy/stained.
- Use thicker white paper, or white card, if possible (although normal white paper worked for us).
- Use A5 sized pieces of paper if you are mixing the colours and shaving foam on a normal size dinner plate.
- Have plenty of card (old cereal boxes, etc.) on hand to cut into scrapers, unless you have some kitchen utensils you could use.
- Have plenty of paper towels on hand to wipe clean the edge of the discard bowl and to wipe the scrapers too (before washing/replacing).
- Lots of newspaper or something similar to lay out to put the paper on to dry.
- Let the paper thoroughly dry before cutting the paper/card.
- Think about the primary colours – what could you mix to make secondary colours?
- Have fun! 😊 This kept my girls (and Monster!) busy for AGES.



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Step 1. Materials you will need: white paper (thicker paper works best), shaving cream (scent can be strong, so open a window), food colouring, tool for mixing (think: toothpicks, spoon handle, or paint brush), plate for mixing (pie plates or a flat dish), baking sheet or tray, discard bowl, scraping tool (cardboard rectangles work best, cut out from cereal or cracker boxes).



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Step 2. Fill your plate with shaving cream and smooth it out as much as possible.

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Step 3. Add a few drops of food colouring onto shaving cream and use a mixing tool to create your swirly design. Tip: a few drops of food colouring go a long way!



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Step 4. Lay the paper onto your coloured design.
Gently pat it down.

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Step 5. Slowly peel your paper off the design.

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Step 6. Place paper design-side facing upwards on baking sheet, and begin scraping off shaving cream. Cardboard scraper may become soggy after several uses, so have multiples on hand.



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Step 7. Excess shaving cream can be wiped off the cardboard scraper into the discard bowl.



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Step 8. Give it a second go! Re-swirl your shaving cream with more colors for another one-of-a-kind design! Great learning opportunity to see which primary colors mix to create secondary colors.

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Here are some final products where we used envelopes for marbling! Now we can send our friends and family the snazziest snail mail ever!



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Attention homeschoolers! Have you been yearning for fancy lettering in order to teach the alphabet in the most colourful way possible? We've got you! This would also make a great DIY craft for letter bunting for upcoming at-home birthday celebrations, making anyone feel extra special.



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Or what about a colourful bookmark? We've all been catching up on our reading lately. Also works well as a thoughtful, homemade gift.



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