

# Marbling Technique

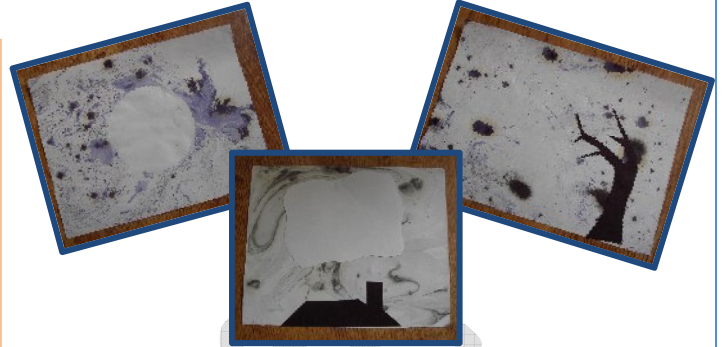
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Preparation time: 10 mins

## Resources

- Newspaper
- Cartridge paper
- Water
- Shallow tray
- Marbling inks



*Use marbled paper to write on or for pictures.*

## Preparation

You will need a shallow tray filled with water to a depth of about 3cms. The tray should be large enough to hold a sheet of paper in the size you want to use. Protect the table with newspapers and keep a pad of newspaper to blot the finished work. Marbling inks stain badly, so clothing should be protected and hands should not come into contact with it.

## Technique

Put the water into the tray. Drip on 4 or 5 drops of marbling ink. The ink must not stay in blobs. Blobs on paper will never dry out and then cause staining. Get rid of the blobs by blowing on them to disperse them in swirly patterns around the tray.



Next, place the paper onto the surface of the water. There should be no air bubbles so lower the paper in carefully. Hold each end, put one end on the surface then



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lower the rest of the paper in until the other end is reached, then let go. Let the paper rest on the surface for a few seconds. Pick up a corner of the wet paper and let the paper drip for a few seconds before placing it face down and blotting it dry. The paper will take a few hours to dry out completely.

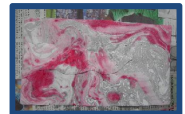


## Variations

Put 2 colours of ink into the tray and swirl them together.



If you want to leave an area of the paper blank to write on, cut out a shape and blu tack it to the larger piece of paper. Marble the paper.



When dry, peel off the shape to reveal the blank area.

Stick on shapes to make pictures. Marbled paper makes effective planets, book covers and sky scenes.

