

Marbling paper:

You'll Need:

- Heavy weight paper, like cardstock
- Laundry starch (or make your own, see instructions below)
- Food coloring or acrylic paint
- Toothpicks
- Newspaper
- Plastic tub, ex. shoe storage box

To make starch:

- Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup corn starch with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water.
- add 4 cups hot water. Cook in microwave until thickened. (2 minutes, stir every minute)
- Let cool. Thin with water.

Instructions:

1. Pour $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of liquid starch into your plastic tub
2. Float dots of food color on the starch. OR

Add drops of liquid acrylic paint, make sure your paint is thinned with an equal amount of water

3. Gently swirled the paint colors into patterns with a toothpick.
4. Lay paper on the surface of the starch. Press slightly to make sure that the marbled design transfers to the paper evenly and there aren't any air bubbles.
5. Rinse off starch under a faucet and lay paper flat to dry.
6. Use a strip of newspaper to clean off the surface of the starch and start again!



To flatten the marbled paper, press between two books, or iron between two sheets of paper after marbled paper dries.

What else will you marble? Bookmarks, gift tags, birthday cards, paper chains – paper, cardboard, wood, canvas. The possibilities are endless!

NOTE: Acrylic paint is permanent; protect your work surface and clothing! Cover your work surface with a plastic tablecloth or other protective covering.