



Marbled Paper



SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED

Plastic Tablecloth, taped down wax paper, or drop cloth for a large table. You can also do this outside on the grass.

A Large table or lawn area

Shaving Cream (1 can will probably allow 3 batches of prints)

Large foil roasting pan or rectangle cookie pan with sides. Large enough to lay your paper flat face down in or a paper plate and smaller paper. Several pans are needed if you have a group of students

9" x 12" Watercolor or other absorbent paper - at least 3 pieces per student (computer paper will not work). Paper can be cut smaller 4" x 6" and a paper plate used for shaving cream

Craft Paint- Acrylic - with a little water added so it drips. The goal is for it to be the consistency of milk. Red, Blue, and Yellow will allow you to make the colors on the color wheel (provided below). Black and White can be used to tint the colors and get pastels or darkened tones. You can also use alcohol inks if you'd prefer but be sure to wear gloves.

Sushi cups to hold paint- perfect because you can toss them when you are done

Eye droppers for each color

Toothpicks, pencil, small paint brush, a hair pick or wide toothed comb

12" plastic ruler to scrape off extra shave cream

You may want aprons or old clothes for the students as this can get messy. Once acrylic paint dries, it will not wash out of clothing. Alcohol inks stain clothing and skin.





TIPS

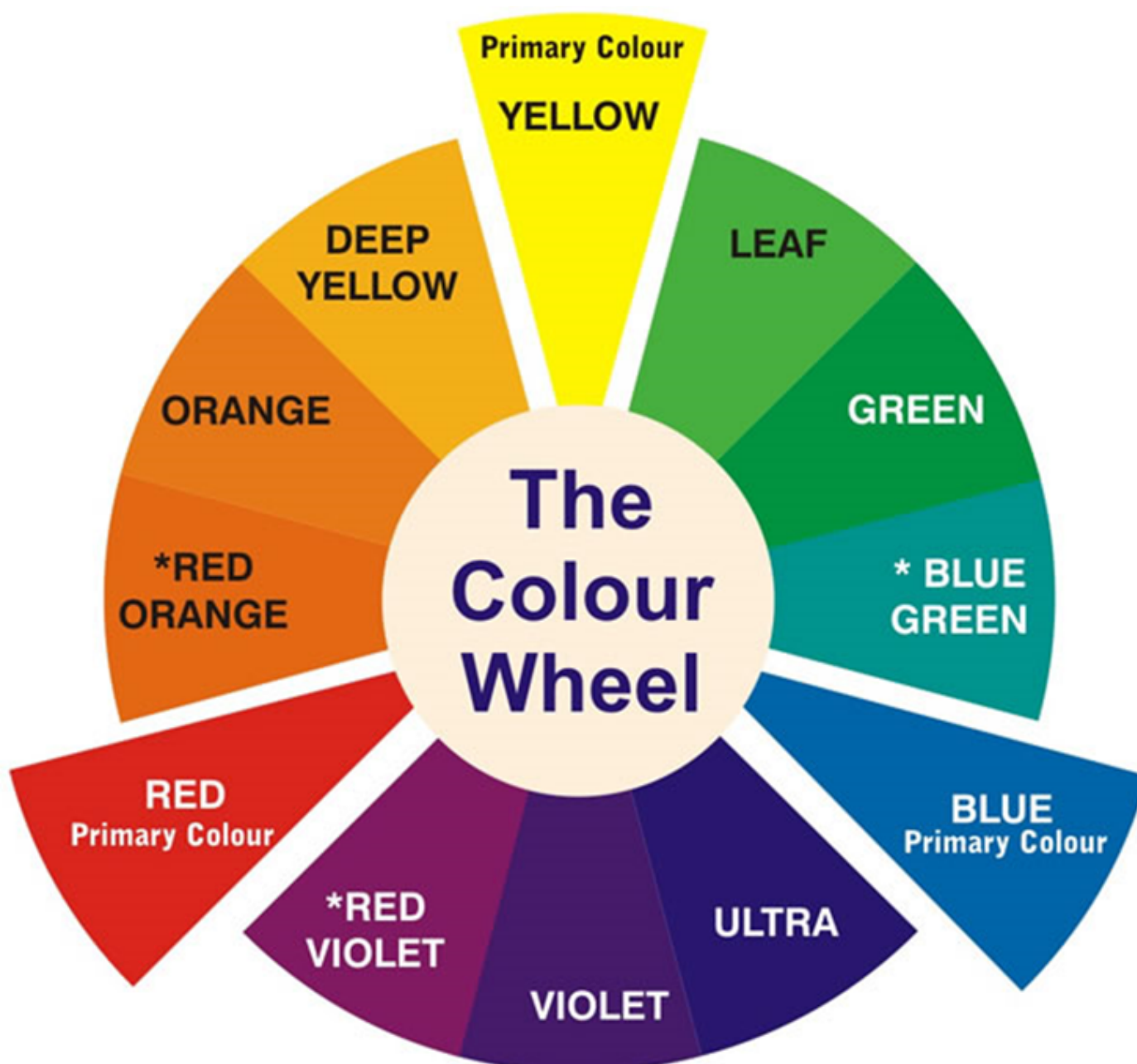


When mixing the main colors- Yellow, Blue, and Red, use different amounts of each color to create 1 of 3 different hues.

Example: Yellow and Blue in $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ proportion will get you the green in the middle, if you use more yellow, the leaf color will turn more blue or blue green.

All 3 colors make brown. This is a great time for your students to learn how to mix colors.

Mix your colors in the sushi cups. Be sure to add enough water so that they drip on the shaving cream and don't sink into it. If the paint is too thick and heavy it will sink into the bottom of the pan.





DIRECTIONS



- 1- Cover a table with a plastic table cloth (Acrylic paint stains)
- 2- Lay out several pieces of paper for each person.
- 3- Spray shaving cream into the foil roasting pan and spread with hands to fill the pan with 1"-2" of shaving cream.
- 4- Drop colors randomly on the shaving cream (not too close together) until the whole pan has drops of color about every 1"-2" apart.
- 5- Using the toothpick, pencil, or combs draw lines, curves, or shapes spreading the color in the shaving cream. Stop when you like the way it looks. You can always add more and do it again. Do not over mix it because it will all turn brown. The shaving cream without color will leave white spaces on your paper.
- 6- Lay your paper face down on the shaving cream and tap it until the paper is flat on the shaving cream. Then, gently lift it straight up from the pan and lay it face up on the table. Let sit for a few minutes.
- 7- Take the 12" ruler and scrape off any excess shaving cream from the paper.
- 8- Let dry.





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You can probably get about 3 prints before you need to dump the shaving cream, rinse the pan, and start again.

You can press to flatten your beautiful marbled papers (after they have dried overnight) by placing them under a stack of heavy books.

Using a paper punch (or hole puncher) is an easy way to make shapes to use on cards, collages, or even ornaments for the Holidays.

Below are some examples that students have created

