

# Watercolor Art Project

Use a “wet on wet” technique to create a beautiful watercolor painting with interesting designs created by wax paper.

## **MATERIALS:**

Watercolor paper

Watercolor set

Larger paintbrush  
than what is in the  
Watercolor Set (1 or  
more)

3 Containers of water

Wax paper

Scissors (optional)

Paper towel

Newspaper

## **DIRECTIONS:**

Lay out newspaper to protect your work surface.

Tear and/or cut pieces of wax paper into whatever shapes make you smile (these will create the designs in your painting).

Lay out a piece of watercolor paper.

Use a large brush dipped in clear, clean water to “paint” the surface of the paper with water. Be generous in your application of water, you want it to be really wet with “pooling” of water.

Now apply your colors: dip another paintbrush into water and into one of the colors of your watercolor paints; pick up a lot of paint.

Dab your paintbrush onto the wet surface of the canvas; watch the color spread. Keep on dabbing a wet paintbrush into your color and then onto the canvas. Cover whatever area(s) of the paper you want with that color.

When you’re ready to switch colors, either use a new paintbrush or clean your paintbrush really well with water and paper towel (otherwise your colors will get muddy).

Dip the paintbrush into clean water and into the next color you want to use, and once again, dab it onto whatever areas of the wet canvas you want.

Repeat until your canvas is covered with colors.

You want to do the above steps pretty quickly so that the canvas doesn’t dry out.

Take your ripped up/cut pieces of wax paper and place them one by one onto the surface of your watercolor. Place them wherever you want. You may want to gently push each piece down onto the paper.

Let the painting dry.

When the watercolor is dry, remove each piece of wax paper.

What is left behind is the design created by the watercolors pooling under each piece of wax paper.