

Resist Painting with Infants and Toddlers



Resist paintings rely on something, such as tape or crayon, to prevent color showing up on a painting in the spot where it is placed. Here are a few ways to create different resist paintings with your child.

Crayon and Watercolor Resist



To create this painting, let your child color on a white piece of paper with some crayons. Any crayon colors can work (wax), although using white on white paper gives the best effect. When the coloring portion is done, let your child paint with water colors over their crayon drawing. The colors will not stay where the crayon has been used! *[You could also draw a picture for your child on the white paper with a white crayon and surprise them when a mystery picture appears.]*

Tape Resist

Offer your child various sizes of masking tape (younger children) or let them cut their own pieces and tape them to a piece of paper. Heavier paper works best for this project as they are less likely to tear when the tape is removed. *[Construction paper can work if you are very careful.]* After the tape is in place, let your child paint over the tape. Once the paint has dried, remove the tape from the paper.



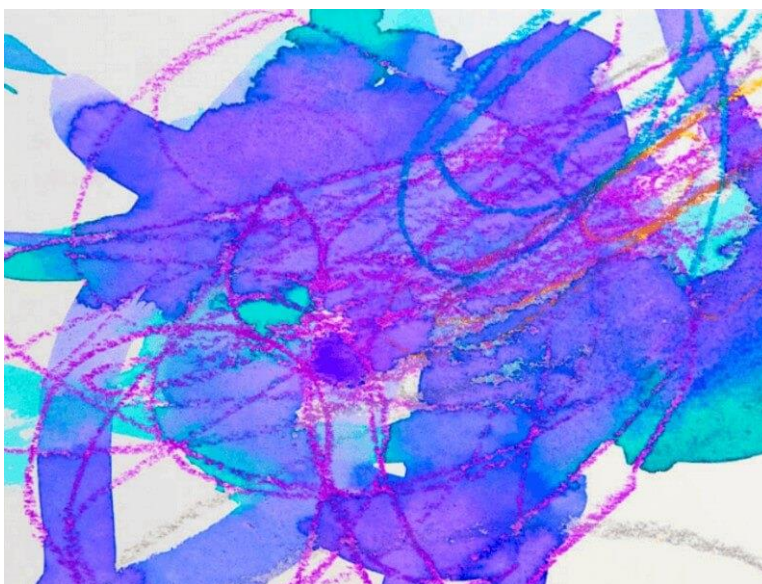
Paper Shape Resist



If you have a younger child, you can pre-cut a shape (or shapes) to attach to the paper. Older children can also do either this or create their own larger shapes. When the shapes are ready, use a rolled piece of tape to attach the shape(s) to the paper on its underside. Let your child paint over the paper and the shapes. When the painting is complete, let it dry and then remove the shapes.

Older Toddler Option: Spray Painting Resist

Have a spray bottle or two that is easy for your child to spray? Fill it with some water and food coloring, slightly watered-down paint, or liquid watercolor and try some of the above projects.



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