

Art Exploration

WATERCOLOR SNOWFLAKES



Make a watercolor print with snowflakes that magically appear as you go!

Materials Provided:

Watercolor Paper
Snowflake Printable

Materials Needed:

Watercolor paints
White crayon
Paintbrush
Water
OPTIONAL: Table salt

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To begin, all you need is a white piece of paper and a white crayon. Use your white crayon to draw snowflakes, falling snow, snowmen, or any other wintry items on your paper. For ideas on how to draw different snowflakes, use the worksheet included in your kit!
2. It can be hard to see what you're drawing, so if you need to you can draw lightly with a pencil first, and then trace over your scene with the white crayon.
3. Once you've finished adding your white crayon, begin to paint over the scene with your brush. As you add paint to your picture, you'll notice that the pictures made with your crayon pop through the paint!



4. **OPTIONAL:** If you'd like to, add a small pinch of table salt to your painting to make it look frosted! You only need a few grains of salt. Sprinkle them over your picture to create this effect. Your painting should still be damp or wet, otherwise the salt will not stick.



5. Let your painting dry!



HOW DOES IT WORK?

This project is sometimes called **crayon resist**, for a very simple reason -- paint resists crayon! That means that these two objects repel or push against one another. Crayons are made with wax or oil, and watercolors are made using water. Oil and water just don't mix, which is why your crayon shines through the paint!

The grains of salt act like tiny little sponges, soaking up the paint around them and creating those frosty circles!

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