It is fun to let the water do your work when you want to make something beautiful with watercolor paint.

In this project you’ll see that watercolors move around a piece of wet paper all by themselves. It is best to use watercolor paper for this exercise, but, you can use another type of heavy, absorbent paper.

**STEP ONE**
Dip your brush into clean water, and use your clean wet brush to make a circle your paper. Now fill in the circle with more water. Now it’s a dot! You might want a small dot, like a penny, or a big dot, like an orange. That’s up to you.

**STEP TWO**
Make sure your circle gets nice and wet, then let the water soak in until it isn’t pooling on top of the paper.

**STEP THREE**
Wet your brush and rub it against one color of paint from your watercolor kit until the color “wakes up”. Load your brush with paint.

**STEP FOUR**
Touch your brush against the edge of the wet circle on your paper. Watch the watery dot pull the color into itself.

**STEP FIVE**
Tip the edge of the brush into the edge of a different part of the edge of your circle again and watch how the water pulls the color in.

**STEP SIX**
Tip the edge of the brush into the edge of a different part of the edge of your circle again and watch how the water pulls the color in.

**STEP SEVEN**
Try it again with another circle.

**STEP EIGHT**
Now try it with two colors of paint.

**STEP NINE**
Maybe you’d like to try it with three colors?

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**PROJECT**

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