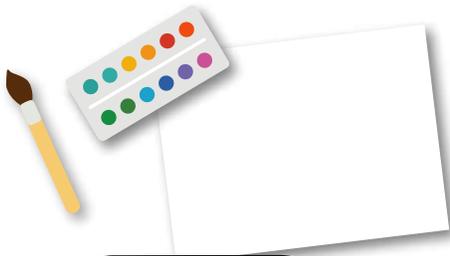


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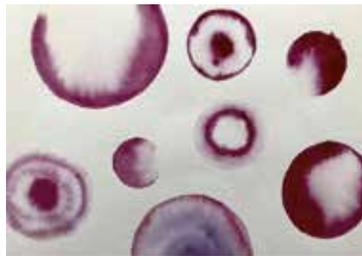
- Watercolor paints
- Small paint brush
- Cup of water
- A paper towel to clean your brush
- Watercolor or other sturdy paper



Magic Dots

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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