

**Description:**

Paste Painting is a technique of surface design closely associated with marbling or decorative book arts. Traditional techniques involve creating pastes by cooking and distilling glues and pigments. This updated method combines acrylics or watercolors with School Smart Art Paste. What could be simpler? This exciting surface treatment is an excellent technique to teach color relationships and color theory, along with the element of rhythm. Success is easy since mistakes can be reworked with each additional layer. This process can be done on a variety of paper weights and types. The finished pieces can be used in a many different projects from wrapping boxes and covering books to backgrounds for printing or drawings.

**Objectives:**

- Students will exhibit understanding of color mixing by mixing new colors on their paste papers.
- Students will demonstrate understanding of the principle of rhythm by employing it in their paste painting experiments.

**Materials:**

School Smart Art Paste (055992-705)  
Sax True Flow Acrylics, Metallics, 3-Color Set (402433-705)  
Sax True Color Liquid Watercolors, Set of 10, 8-Oz. Bottles (068624-705)  
Liquitex Iridescent Medium, 8-Oz. (403852-705)  
Sargent Art Liquid Metal Acrylics, 4-Oz., 6-Color Set (409594-705)  
Super Safety Palette Knife (457040-705)  
Sax 4-Oz. Mixing Cups, Pkg. of 100 (431882-705)  
Foam Brushes, 3" Wide, Pkg. of 10 (458894-705)  
Paint Scrapers, Assortment of 4 (210784-705)  
Sax True Flow Paint Shapers, Set of 10 (402479-705)  
Graining Combs, Set of 4 (451235-705)  
White Sulphite Paper, 90-Lb., Ream, 9" x 12" (053931-705)  
White Tagboard, 150-Lb., 100-Sheet Pkg., 9" x 12" (048360-705)  
Tru-Ray Construction Paper, 50-Sheet Pkg., 9" x 12", Assorted (054054-705)  
Scraps of chip board, found objects or rubber stamps

**Resources:**

ArtEffects (423566-705)  
Paint Without Brushes (222405-705)

**Directions:**

1. Cover the work surface with plastic or newspaper. Have students protect their clothing with aprons or smocks.
2. Choose a paper from the White Sulphite, White Tag Board or Tru-Ray Construction Paper in assorted colors. Have the students write their names on the backs of the sheets.
3. Mix School Smart Art Paste according to the directions on the box.
4. In several of the mixing cups combine 2 tablespoons of the Art Paste with 1/2 to 2 teaspoons of the acrylic or watercolor.
5. Using the foam brush, coat the paper with a layer of the color mixture.
6. Manipulate the surface with the Paint Scrapers, Paint Shapers or Graining Combs. If the paint is too thin to make a clear pattern, simply add more paste. Allow this layer to dry before adding another, or add additional colors to the wet layer and apply more patterns.
7. Create many beautiful projects with your paste paper creations.

**National Standards:**

Content Standard #1: Using knowledge of structures and functions.

Grades K-4: Students use visual structures and functions of art to communicate ideas.