



Paste Painting



Grades: PK-5

Subject: Art

Topic: Paste Painting

Lesson Focus

The focus of this lesson is to let kids explore! The paste is easy to make and fun to use. The results vary depending on the type of paint added to the paste and the techniques used. Some paste will look translucent, others solid and bright. Some will dry smooth, others will split and crackle. Use any type of heavy-bodied paper. Some might warp. Recycled cardboard used from old cardboard boxes makes a perfect surface. See what works best for you! Use your fingers. Use any tools nearby. Mix, blend, and make a mess!

Materials

1/2 cup of corn starch
1/2 cup cold water
3.5 cups of water
Paint - acrylic, water color, ink, tempera
glass jars
heavy paper or cardboard
brushes, sticks, old credit cards, spoons.



Directions

1. Combine corn starch and cold water to make a solution.
2. Boil 3.5 cups of water.
3. Blend the solution with boiling water with an electric mixer for 1-2 minutes.
4. Cool in the refrigerator overnight in a non-metallic bowl.
5. Remove top skin and run through a food processor adding a little water if necessary.
6. Put the paste in jars and add paints.

Post Discussion & Questions

Which pastes did you like the best? Why?

Which tools did you like the best? Why?

Did you create a recognizable picture like a face, house, or tree? Or an abstract?

Which words describe the way the paste looks and feels?

What would you do differently next time?

This lesson was adapted from Lily's Book Binding Blog. <https://lilbookbinder.wordpress.com/2011/01/27/paste-paper-tutorial/>