

FIG at Home

MAGIC SALT & WATERCOLOR SNOW ART

Add a little mystery to your day with this magical watercolor activity.

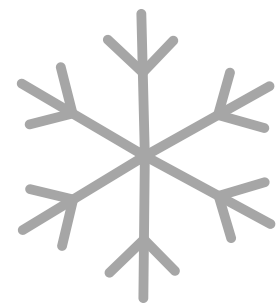
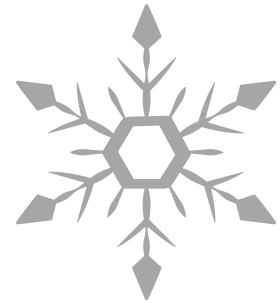
MATERIALS

- Watercolor paper or white cardstock
- Watercolor paint
- White crayon
- Paintbrushes
- Scissors
- Salt (regular table salt)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the paper to the size you want. We chose to cut our large watercolor paper into 4 by 6 inch rectangles.
2. Draw snowflakes on the paper using a white crayon. Younger children may need help with this step because it is difficult to see white crayon on white paper. Try looking at your paper from a different angle.
3. Brush the watercolor paint over the paper, and watch as your snowflakes magically appear. We chose blue and purple paint.
4. Dust your painting with a pinch of salt while still wet. The salt absorbs the water around it, creating a frost effect. Be conservative. You only need a few grains of salt for this to work.
5. When your painting is completely dry, brush away the grains of salt and decide where to hang your art!



Helpful hints:

We taped the watercolor paper in place to keep it from curling when wet. Most paper starts to lay flat as it dries, but the tape helped. If the salt does not stick to the painting, brush on more watercolor paint and try again.

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