

Coffee Filter

Creating Art at Home with Children

Materials Needed

- Coffee filters (white or brown)
- Water-based markers (not permanent)
- White paper (watercolor or thick paper works best)
- Wax paper
- Spray bottle with water
- Plastic covering for the table
- Newspaper



Instructions

- Cover the table with plastic and then newspaper. Leave one section of the table free as a place to dry the designs.
- Tear off a sheet of wax paper slightly bigger than the white paper; place it under the white paper.
- Flatten the coffee filter and place it on top of a white piece of paper.
- Draw with markers on the coffee filter. Experiment with drawing colors close together and leaving uncolored places on your coffee filter.
- Spray the filter once lightly with water and watch the colors bleed together. (If you don't have a spray bottle, try sprinkling water from your fingertips.)
- Spray it again until the colors run together in a way you like.
- Leave the filter on top of the paper. Lift them both by holding the sides of the wax paper and lay them flat on newspaper to dry.
- Once dry, remove the filter and compare it to the design on the white paper.