

# MESSY ART

**Program age range:** 2-8 years old

## **General supplies:**

Tarps  
Plastic tablecloths (not your nicest)  
Vacuum is very handy  
Paper plates (big and small)  
Small cups or pans (I use yogurt cups)  
Coffee filters  
Craft sticks  
Smocks (We use old Summer Reading t-shirts)  
Storage bags and paper bags to take projects home  
Baby wipes  
Paper towels  
Nearby sink



## **Pro Tips:**

Tarps and sinks are crucial.  
Anything with corn starch is going to be *really* messy.  
Always test your project ahead of time.  
The projects you don't think will be as messy somehow end up being the messiest!  
Be ok with the unexpected and the unforeseen.  
Have a volunteer or another staff member help clean up if possible.

## **A Note about projects:**

Our patrons really seem to like season-specific projects. Some of our most well attended were: tissue paper jack-o-lantern lanterns, Dr. Seuss messy art, d.i.y. sidewalk chalk and salt dough ornaments.

## **Past projects:**

*Race car painting:* <http://totschool.shannons.org/modern-art-with-a-matchbox-car/>

*Bubble wrap stomp painting:* <https://www.apartmenttherapy.com/bubble-wrap-stomp-painting-mess-for-less-200671>

*Salt dough fossils:* <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/animals/dinosaurs/salt-dough-fossils.asp>

*Sidewalk chalk:* <http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/homemade-sidewalk-chalk/>

*Footprint sandals:* <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/29414203795339098/>

*Ivory soap surprise:* <https://www.prettyhandygirl.com/soap-snowballs-with-a-surprise-inside/>

*Homemade bath bombs:* <http://www.geniuskitchen.com/recipe/worlds-simplest-fizzy-bath-bombs-using-kitchen-ingredients-365884>

*Salt painting:* <http://www.mericherry.com/2015/04/24/salt-painting-process-art-kids/>

*Sand art:* <http://www.mericherry.com/2015/04/01/sand-art-2/>

*Bubble painting:* <https://artful-kids.com/blog/2012/02/02/paint-with-bubbles-3-ways/>

*Crayon resist:* <https://www.themaven.net/kidsactivities/kidsactivities/kids-crayon-resist-art-so-cool-iCk0DPcpiU-eyOWxDAFeeA/>

## **Shaving Cream paper marbling**

Shaving cream

Washable paint or food dye

Small trays or plates

Plastic forks and knives



Mix color into shaving cream and marble with plastic forks. Gently rake fork tines across shaving cream surface in one direction. Then gently rake fork tines across surface in perpendicular direction. Repeat until satisfied with pattern. Gently press paper on top of shaving cream and pattern transfers to paper! Scrape excess shaving cream off with plastic fork. Let dry.

## **Other shaving cream projects:**

Rainbow foam dough

indoor snow

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