Scrape Painting

Scrape painting is a simple process to make graphic and dynamic works of art! Gather a few paint colors you’d like to use in either acrylic or tempera. Use a paint brush to add several blobs on the edges of your paper, and then use an old credit card or piece of stiff cardboard to scrape the paint across your page. Blend contrasting colors for a graphic look or like colors for a soft, blended effect.

Pulled String Art

These paintings are super simple to make but look like 3D works of art. You’ll need a few cups of water dyed with food coloring - the more pigmented the better - or liquid watercolor, several strips of 18” cotton twine, paper, and a book you don’t mind getting dye on. Open the book to the middle page and lay your sheet of paper on top. Dip your string into a dye cup and saturate it with dye. Lay the string onto one half of your paper in a spiral or curving pattern leaving the tail of the string hanging out of the bottom. Close your book onto the paper and string, and apply pressure to the cover as you pull your string out by the tail. Open your book and see your masterpiece! Repeat with multiple colors on the same sheet to create a layered effect.

Shadow Tracing

Create abstract compositions of landscapes and figures by tracing the shadows you see around you. Set up objects in a sunny window, cast light behind someone’s figure, or go outside and sit under the crown of a tree. Use a drawing tool - pencil, pen, marker, etc - to trace the shapes of the shadows cast onto your paper. You can fill in with watercolor or the same drawing tool you used to outline. Feel free to share your finished works in the comments!
Painting with Bubbles

You can create fun textural paintings by blowing bubbles! Mix equal parts water and dish detergent in a few different bowls, and then add liquid watercolor or food coloring to get the colors you want - the more dye, the brighter the bubbles. Use a straw to blow bubbles into the bowl, pointing the end of the straw to the bottom of the bowl. As they rise over the lip of the bowl, press your paper onto the bubbles. Layer different colors and have fun!

Cardboard Animals

These 3D cardboard animals are super easy to make and assemble. Trace the outline of your chosen animal onto cardboard from a reference image or a template (link below). Cut slits in the bottom of your animal shape where legs will attach. Trace and cut U-Shaped legs from the cardboard and cut matching slits in the tops of the leg shapes to fit perpendicular to the cardboard body. Add a pipe cleaner or ribbon for the tail, and paint to match the coloring or markings of your animal. Assemble the legs and body using glue if necessary. Have a wild time! (See the last 4 pages of this PDF for free templates!)

Paper Tube Windmills

Make your leftover paper tubes into beautiful kinetic sculptures! Decorate your tube in your chosen paper or paint, then add drawn windows and doors as desired. Punch two holes adjacent from one another at the top. Cut a round roof out of paper and glue on. Cut a wooden skewer (like the ones you use for BBQ) down including 4 pieces that are 3.5” long and 1 piece that is 2.25” long. Fold rectangular pieces of paper (you can draw on a grid or any pattern you’d like) around the 4 longer wood pieces and glue the ends to a small paper disc. Add a bead of glue to the center of the paper disc and attach the shorter wooden dowel upright. Add a pony bead onto the short skewer, poke it through the two holes you made on your tube, and glue another bead onto the end of the back of the skewer to make sure it doesn’t pull through. Spin your propellers and have fun!

https://onelittleproject.com/paper-roll-windmill
WHAT YOU’LL NEED
• Animal templates
• Corrugated cardboard
• Craft paint
• Paintbrush
• Pipe cleaners

WHAT TO DO
1. Cut out templates.
2. Trace templates onto cardboard and cut out.
3. Paint animals; let dry.
4. Cut pipe-cleaner tails and tusks as needed. Secure to the cardboard with glue.
5. Cut slits according to templates, and assemble the animals so they stand up.
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