

Getting Crafty: Wild Water Painting

You'll Need:

- ♦ Watercolor Paper
- ♦ Paint (liquid watercolor or acrylic)
- ♦ Squirt guns or squirt bottles
- ♦ Water
- ♦ Easel or clipboard

Abstract art shows what an artist thinks, feels, or is inspired by not exactly what they see!

Instructions:

1. Today we're making some abstract art paintings inspired by the colors of a coral reef! Take a minute to look at the pictures below. What colors do you notice? (We might get messy so the rest of this project is best set up outside.)
2. Clip your watercolor paper to your easel. If you don't have an easel you can clip it to a clipboard and lean it against a tree or object. You could also tape your paper to a fence, tree, or other object you don't mind getting a little paint on.
3. Fill your squirt guns or squirt bottles with paint and thin it with a little water.
4. Stand back from your paper and SQUIRT! Watch how the colors mix, drip, and combine. What changes if you squirt close or stand far away?

