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Color Diffusing Paper Flowers

Create beautiful flowers for classroom gardens, colorful wall displays and more! Use watercolor paint or markers for a tie-dyed effect or create wax-resist designs first for an easy batik craft!

Directions for use:

Spray or mist the diffusing paper directly with liquid watercolors or other paints or dyes. This method is the fastest and easiest. Water can be applied to the flower before or after the color to increase bleed and soften colors.

Draw on the flower with water-soluble markers or pens (anything labeled "washable" will work). When you've applied enough color, wet the entire flower with water and watch the colors bleed.

To create designs that won't bleed with water, use either permanent markers or waxy media, like crayons. Both should be applied to the paper while it's dry.

Don't stop with color application – glitter, beads, buttons, coated wire and chenille stems are just some of the materials you can use to add a unique twist to your projects!

Ideas for the classroom:

Use to spice up any display, especially spring motifs, or create a beautiful classroom garden! Create personalized cards – once the flowers have dried, have students write special messages or glue pictures to the center. They can even fold petals of the flowers in so that they form their own envelopes. Create an "All About Me" display - have students write their names or glue a picture of themselves in the middle of the flower and then write things about themselves on the petals.

Discuss the importance of flowers in the life cycle of plants – Why do flowers have bright colors? Why do they have strong smells? What kinds of animals are attracted to flowers?

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