



SMART LESSON PLANS

MATERIALS

- ✓ Coffee filters
- ✓ Liquid Watercolor™
- ✓ Bingo bottles (pre-filled)
- Paper towels
- Table salt

- Optional:**
- ✓ Scissors

✓ = in Discount School Supply catalog

OUTCOMES

Art is good brain food! This art idea helps children develop:

Cognitive/Thinking Skills

- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Experiments with cause and effect

Emotional/Feeling Skills

- Motor pleasure
- Intense visual stimulation

Social/Relating Skills

- Shares and takes turns
- Respects work space of others
- Shows pride in work

Physical/Coordinating Skills

- Works within boundaries
- Eye hand brain coordination

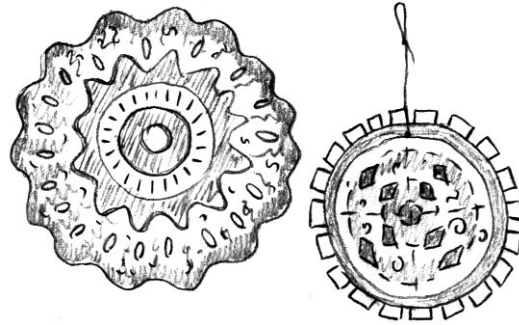
Literacy & Language Development

- Develops understanding of “art” vocabulary and process
- Communicates ideas
- Holds a 2-way conversation

Ages
4-12

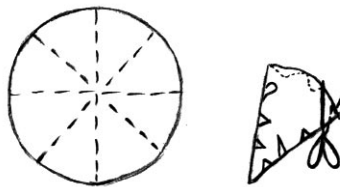
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Salt Crystal Coffee Filter



STEP 1: Fold Filter

Fold filter in half several times.
Optional: Make “snowflake” cut-outs at sides.



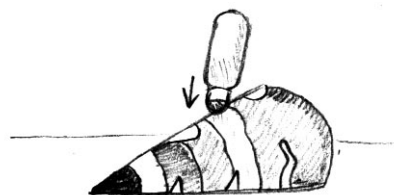
STEP 2: Begin Coloring at Center

Using Liquid Watercolor™ in bingo bottles, saturate filter with paint. Start at center.



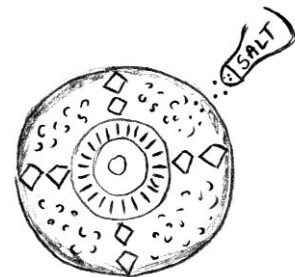
STEP 3: Continue Rows of Color

Continue rows of color, changing colors frequently, until filter is completely saturated.



STEP 4: Open and Add Salt

Open filter, lay on drying paper, sprinkle with table salt while still wet. Salt crystal patterns appear in minutes.



CLASSROOM TIPS

Extensions

Laminate and hang colored filters from ceiling. Tape to window. Create huge flowers. Fold in half for semi-circle journal cover. Make a “kaleidoscope” print by placing wet colored filter between two pieces of paper, then “pressing” with hands.

Vocabulary

Fold, Blend, Shape, Symmetry, Salt Crystals, Pattern, Texture