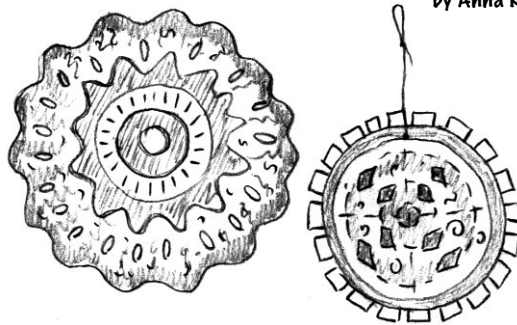


# Salt Crystal Coffee Filter

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## MATERIALS

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

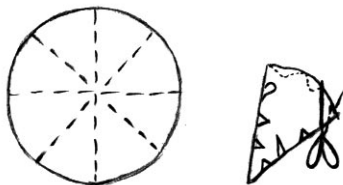
### Optional:

- ✓ Scissors

### 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.



## 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

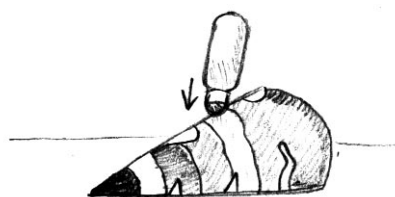
Works within boundaries  
Eye hand brain coordination

### Literacy & Language Development

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

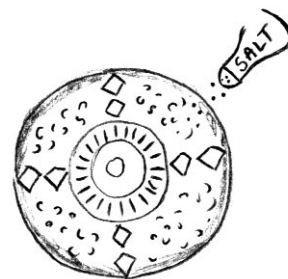
### STEP 3: Continue Rows of Color

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

Ages  
4-12

15-30  
Min.