Marbling with Shaving Cream

Every summer the Desert Caballeros Western Museum hosts one or more art classes at Camp Imagination in partnership with the Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts. We wanted to share with you one of our favorite camp art activities from 2019, marbling with shaving cream!

Here is how you can make shaving cream art at home.

Supplies

- Large tray, pan or dish
- Shaving cream
- Food coloring or paint
- Ruler
- Paint brush or utensil to stir
- Blank paper (For the example shown: watercolor paper and envelopes were used to create marbled stationary.)
- Plastic tablecloth or covering
- Paper towels or rags for clean up
- Wear old clothes, painting shirt or apron

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**Step 1:** In a large container, spray a layer of shaving cream.

**Step 2:** Add some drops of food coloring or paint. If desired, swirl with a paintbrush or utensil.

**Step 3:** Put a blank sheet of paper on top of the shaving cream, press down and count to 3.

**Step 4:** Peel off paper and place on plastic tablecloth or covering with shaving cream side up. Immediately take a ruler and scrape evenly across the surface to remove shaving cream. Scrape off remaining shaving cream on ruler in the dish.

**Step 5:** Set aside to dry. **Hint:** Place under a cutting board or book for a few hours and then take out to finish drying to minimize warping.

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Step 6: Repeat! You can keep layering the shaving cream and color over and over again to make new designs on more sheets of paper.

Once dry, you can draw, cut and design. In this example of marbled stationary, write and mail your decorative letters. So many things you can do with marbling!