Paint a Paper Towel

Experiment with water and paint on absorbent material!

Materials Needed:

Watercolors (or tempera paint mixed with water or food coloring), empty ice cube tray or muffin tin, paintbrush (or spoons or pipettes), water, paper towel (or coffee filter or a scrap of white cotton).

Instructions:

Step 1: Set out paint, water, and absorbent material. Make sure your paint is wet; you can use an empty ice cube tray or muffin tin to dilute the paint with water.

Step 2: Use a paintbrush, fingertips, a spoon, or a pipette to drop watery paint onto the paper towel. The absorbent material will wick the paint and create interesting effects.

Step 3: Experiment with different colors, patterns, and techniques. What happens when you use less water? More water?

Step 4: Hang up your artwork to dry.