



Pretty Painted Paper



The paper in the above photo is all made from faded construction paper. If the paper was faded green we painted it different colors of green etc. It works great and you have beautiful paper instead of ugly faded paper.

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1 Making painted paper is really fun and the kids love it. Sometimes I put paint in colors out on the tables for the kids to use in color groups, and sometimes if I am in a hurry I just put squirts of colors right on their paper and tell them to let the different colors show as they paint across the page.

Sometimes I put all three warm or cool colors out and show them how to merge the colors like a sunset.

Painting paper helps the kids learn about how colors work together plus it's so fun to see what happens sometimes.

Note!

I have used both acrylic and liquid tempera paint to make this. I have the kids old wear t-shirts because it is messy.

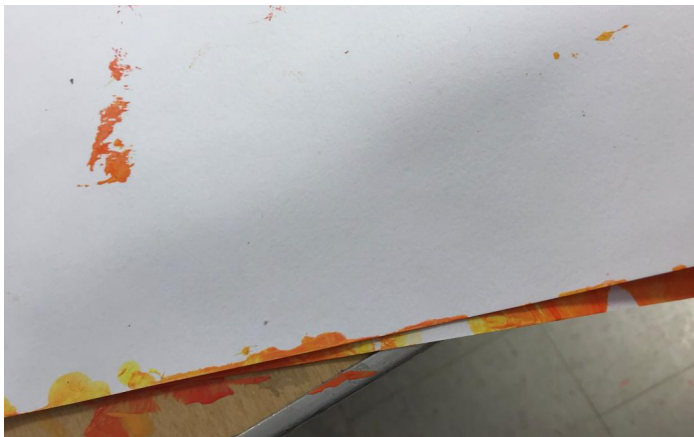


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A lot of times I tell the kids to stick their paper with someone at their table then pull it apart so the texture and color variation will be really cool.

When we stick two together we push across the back before we separate them and then put them in the drying rack.

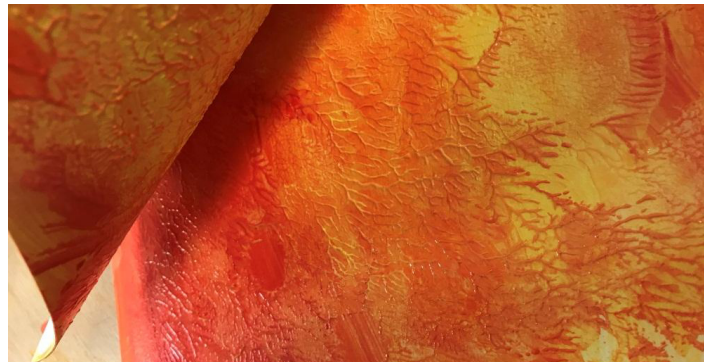


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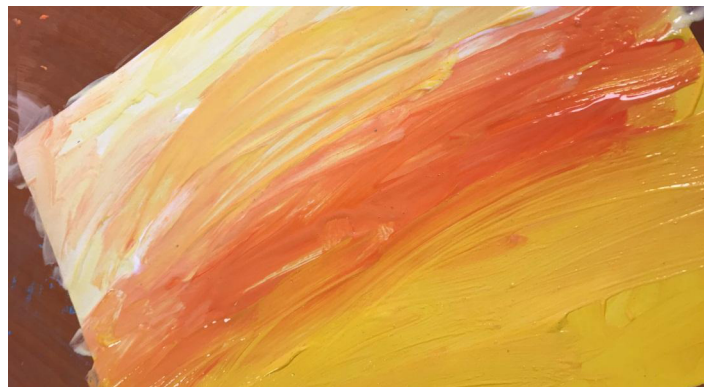
Sometimes I let the kids stick them together and pull them apart with other kid's papers that are in an entirely different color family. Like this one could look good stuck together and pulled apart with a green family paper or a blue family paper.



See the beautiful texture that sticking them together and pulling them apart makes!



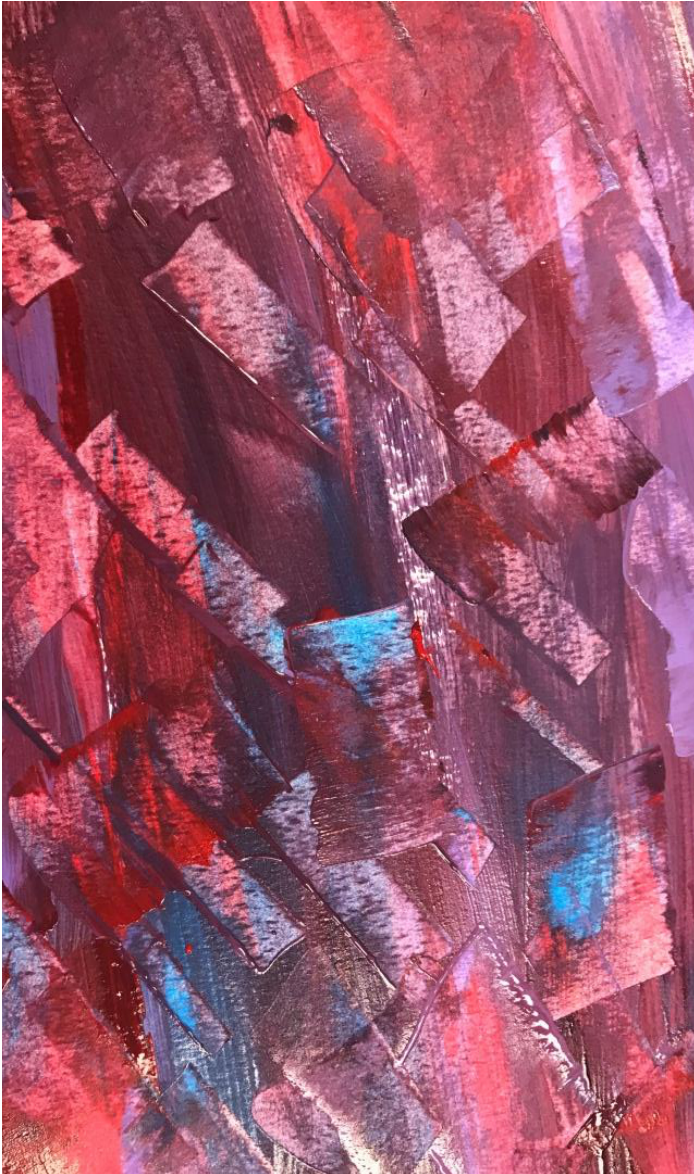
This paper has lots of paint...If they have a lot of paint on their paper in colors that work well together like warm or cool colors, when they stick it to a friend's paper and pull it apart it really adds some nice effects.



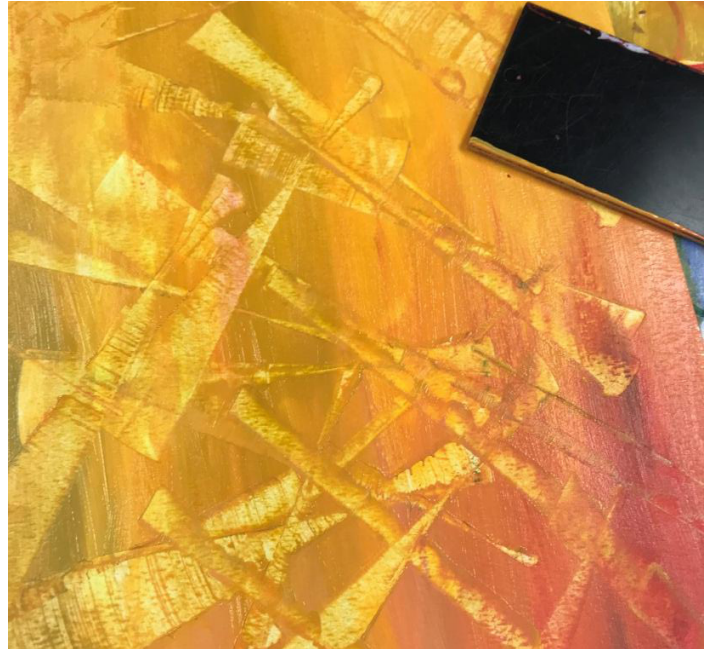
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Variations!

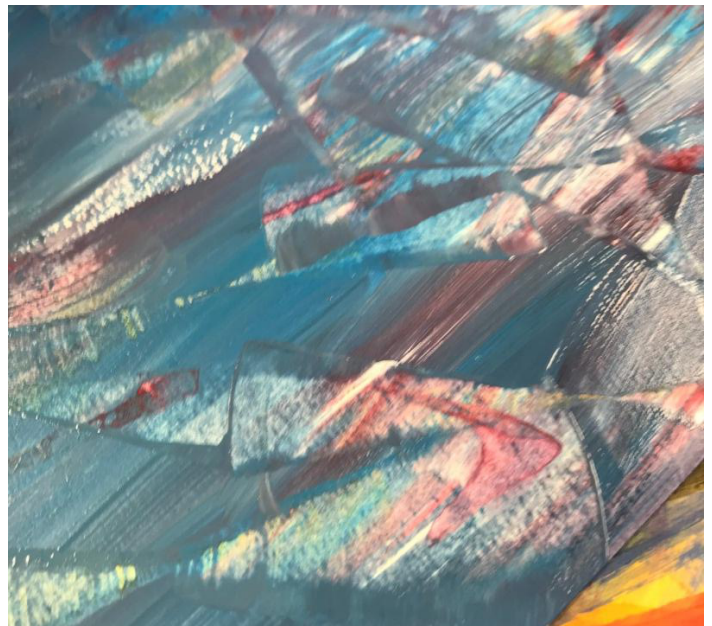
Sometimes I have the kids add extra texture by using various homemade texture tools, like little pieces of stiff cardboard, sponges etc.



Another paper with lots of texture added with a texture tool... I don't do this a lot. I like the way sticking them together looks for backgrounds better.



This is one that was painted in the different colors painting across the page then had added texture with a texture tool.



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Examples!

Here's one that will be all yellow. We did this for suns, parts of flowers and doors and windows where we wanted light to show if we were making collages.



I love the painted paper skies the kids make and it helps them learn about tints by adding white to the blue. We make painted paper skies all the time, both blue and purple ones with white added and sunsets in warm color merges.



Painted paper skies!

