

Faux Paste Paper Technique

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There are several different techniques for creating faux paste paper – but this is my favorite!

Supplies Needed:

Metallic paper

Acrylic paints

Brayer

Pie tin of water and paper towels nearby (or work near a sink)

Any wood graining tools, combs, kitchen tools, etc.

(experiment to discover what you have that will make fabulous patterns in the paint)

Glitter



Step 1: Squirt one or two colors of acrylic paint onto the metallic paper (in the sample I used metallic silver paint on silver paper).

Step 2: Using your brayer spread the paint to cover the metallic paper, be careful about the colors you choose and the mixing of the colors – you don't want to end up with the color of mud!

Step 3: Work quickly as you want to wash the paint off the brayer (or at least let it soak in water) before it dries and get back to the painted paper before it dries.

Step 3: Take your pattern making tool(s) (the sample was made using a triangular wood graining tool) and run it from top to bottom and side to side through the paint (wiping the paint off the tool as you go) until you get a pattern you like. If you don't like the pattern, use the brayer to recover the paper and start over. You can go in straight lines, wavy lines, any kind of pattern that appeals to you.

Step 4: Wash the pattern making tool quickly before the paint dries.

Step 5: In the sample I sprinkled some blue glitter over the paint before it dried. This is not necessary but sometimes you might like the additional sparkle or color.

You can make many of these in a very short period of time. Most of us have all of the supplies hanging around anyway and it's a great way to use up some of your stash and to make a bunch of background papers to have on hand when you need them.

Enjoy!!