

Shaving Cream Technique

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white or light colored cardstock (cs)
dye reinkers or food coloring
inexpensive unscented shaving cream
flat pan
spatula or squeegee
knife or skewer
newspapers

Spread a layer of shaving cream at least an inch thick and big enough to lay your cs in. Drop 2-3 colors of ink or food coloring around on the shaving cream. Take your knife or skewer and drag through the drops creating swirls and patterns. (Don't overwork this part or use too many colors or your end product will be 'muddy'.) Lay your cs down on top of the shaving cream and gently press it down into the shaving cream. You can create different looks by lifting the cs off the cream. If you lift by opposing corners, you will get a more crisp color image than if you just lift by one corner. Experiment to see what happens! Lay your cs, shaving cream side up, on your newspaper. Don't be afraid to scrape the cream off your cs, the pattern is pretty set by this point! Using a spatula (an inexpensive shower squeegee from the dollar store works great!), wipe the shaving cream off your cs. Use a paper towel to do the final cleaning. Lay the cs out to dry completely. You can sometimes get two 'prints' out of one application. You can generally use the same shaving cream a couple more times until you need to start with a fresh batch.

