

Foamy art prints



This activity is messy, but fun!

What you need:

- A plate
- Shaving foam (must be foam, not gel)
- Food colouring (liquid)
- Ruler or spreading tool
- Toothpick or kebab stick
- Paper

Instructions:

1

Squirt shaving foam on your plate, the size of your paper. Small prints are easier to manage. We cut an A4 piece of paper into 4 equal pieces.



2

Gently slide the ruler across the surface of the shaving foam until it is smooth.



How it works:

Does the food colouring mix with the foam? You may have noticed that it doesn't, as shaving foam is not water soluble. It is made from soap-like ingredients. Food colouring is water

soluble so the food colouring droplets sit suspended on the shaving foam. When the paper is placed onto them they bleed onto the paper.

Credit to [Mrs B](#) for the idea for this activity.

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Add drops of food colouring on top of the smooth shaving foam layer.



4

Use the toothpick or kebab stick to swirl designs on your foam. Streak the stick through the food colouring dots to make patterns and shapes.



5

Place the paper onto the design and press very lightly so it is in contact with all of your artwork. Don't leave it sitting too long.



6

Carefully peel back the paper from one end and lift off the foam. You should be left with a copy of your design on the paper. You may need to scrape the remaining foam off the paper with a clean ruler.

