

Shaving Cream Background Technique

This technique creates a beautiful marbling look for the backgrounds of your artwork.

Materials:

- Shaving cream (cheap works great – don't use the gel type)
- Cookie sheet or tray
- Toothpick or straw
- Classic re-inkers
- Glossy white, US White, or neutral colored cardstock

Basic Instructions:

Spread shaving cream onto a shallow pan or tray, ½" to 1" thick. Randomly drop, two, or three colors of refills over the surface of the cream. Using a toothpick or straw, gently swirl the colors... don't overwork it or you'll muddy your colors. Place your cardstock onto this and gently push down from the center out to cover every inch of surface. Starting with one corner, peel the cardstock off the shaving cream and place face up on a covered surface. Use a spatula or scrapper to scrape the shaving cream off the cardstock. Set paper aside to dry. Repeat process with a fresh sheet of cardstock until color is muddy or not the look you want. Either add more shaving cream and re-inkers or discard and create a new batch.

Tips:

- 1) The more ink you use, the darker the design will be on the cardstock.
- 2) The more you swirl, the finer the swirls of color. Swirl too much and you will lose the swirl entirely and muddy your colors.
- 3) After a while, the shaving cream will dry out and not stick to the cardstock – it's time to make a new batch.



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