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MARBLING AND MAKING A RIVER BED COLLAGE

You will need

- Liquid watercolour paint, water based ink, food colouring
- Cooking oil such as sunflower oil or vegetable oil
- A shallow dish or tray
- Water
- A pipette or teaspoon
- Paper – either white or coloured
- Old newspaper, or a washing line



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What you need to do

- 1 Take a shallow tray, and pour in about 3 or 4 cm of water.
- 2 Next, either use a pipette or a teaspoon, and pour in a few drops of your colour. You might like to use two colours to create a swirly effect.

The colours also mix when they touch:

Blue + red = purple

Red + yellow = orange

Blue + yellow = green

- 3 Last, pour in a teaspoon of oil. Give it a light stir with the spoon, until you see bubbles or swirls appear.
- 4 Quickly, take your piece of paper, and carefully lay it flat on the surface of the water, for a second.
- 5 Remove the paper by the edges, and leave to dry, either on a washing line or on some newspaper.

Each time you change the water, and the paint colour, you will get a new effect! You never know what you'll get, and each one is unique.



You can try again with more paper, but you should change the water after you've used two pieces of paper, otherwise you lose the marbled effect.

Once you have made 4 or 5 marbled sheets in different colours, you can use them to help create a river bed collage.

- Tower Bridge stands of the River Thames. What kind of creatures and plants might you find underwater?
- What amazing colours might you find?
- You might find birds on the river, like swans, ducks and seagulls.
- There are also dolphins, and whales too – these are mammals which can spend lots of time underwater.
- You can use other objects to help bring your collage to life – why not add silver foil, cling film and bubble wrap to create slippery textures and translucent layers.
- Layer up your collage with lots of colours. Maybe chose your favourite marbled page for a background.
- Build up shapes like fish, underwater creatures, and even shipwrecks! Use your imagination.



DID YOU KNOW

There are seahorses in the River Thames, and even seals!