



# Sundays Together with Metropolitan LIBRARY SYSTEM

## DIY Marbling Art

### Supplies:

sturdy paper	liquid food coloring	vegetable oil
forks	small bowls, cups, or jars	shallow dish
water	spoons or droppers	
<i>optional: watercolors, paintbrushes</i>		

### Directions:

Gather supplies. If desired, lay out towels or newspapers on a flat surface as a drying space. Fill the shallow dish with about 1" of water.

#### **METHOD 1: Oil & Food Colors Mixed**

In one of your small bowls, add a couple tablespoons of oil. Squeeze droplets of food coloring into the oil. Use the fork to stir the food coloring quickly until it has broken into tiny droplets of color in the oil. The food coloring is in water, so it will not dissolve into the oil and it will appear darker than it will on paper. Use a spoon or a dropper to add drops of the oil mixture on top of the water. Take a sheet of paper and quickly dip it into the water. The color may drop to the bottom of the dish with the oil floating on top. Any place that the oil makes contact with the paper, the color will not stick. You can shift your page to distribute the color.

#### **METHOD 2: Oil on Water and Food Color Applied Separately**

Drip only the oil onto the surface of the water, making small "puddles" of oil. Dip the page into the water quickly. While the page is still wet, apply droplets of the food coloring directly to the wet paper. If you want more colors than available in your food coloring, you can use watercolors. Use more water than you would typically/

With both methods the paper will be oily at first, but the paper absorbs the oil overnight. Method 1 can result in oilier paper that dries a little bit more transparent like vellum. Once your paper is done, you can use it to make cards, art, or anything else you can think of!

