

Marbled Paper & Valentine Gifts



Playing with shaving cream, whether you are a child or an adult is always fun and having a beautiful craft is an added benefit. This process can be used to make bookmarks, cards, scrapbooking pages or almost any paper craft. Cloverbuds will enjoy making marbled paper and then transforming it into Valentine envelopes. The envelopes can be decorated and used to insert a hot chocolate or popcorn packet!

Marbled Paper

Supplies: Apron or old t-shirt - it can get messy
Large disposable foil pan – must be a little wider than your card stock
Foam shaving cream
Food coloring
Stiff white or off-white paper or cardstock
Toothpick or skewer
Newspaper, Paper towels

Directions:

1. Apply shaving cream to the disposable foil pan so that you can make a layer that is a little wider than your card stock sheet and about ½” thick. – **Photo A**



Photo A



Photo B



Photo C

2. Drop several (10 – 12) drops of food coloring (depends on the size of your card stock) evenly spread out on the layer of shaving cream. – **Photo B**
3. Using a toothpick or skewer, swirl through the shaving cream and drops of food coloring to spread the color out in streaks and swirls across the pan. Do not mix completely, you want a swirled look – **Photo C**
4. Dip pieces of the cardstock paper into the shaving cream mixture and gently press to make sure the cardstock comes in contact with the colored areas to create the marbled effect. - **Photo D**



Photo D



Photo E

5. Lie flat on newspaper or paper towels to dry. Wipe excess shaving cream off the paper and see the swirled pattern. – **Photo E**

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Popcorn Valentines Envelope

Supplies:

- ♥ Cardstock
- ♥ Glue Stick
- ♥ 18 inches of ½" wide coordinating ribbon
- ♥ Hole Punch
- ♥ 12-inch ruler
- ♥ Microwave Popcorn Packet

Directions:

1. From the cardstock you designed or other cardstock, cut a piece 7" x 10½".
2. Measure in 2 ¼" from short edge of paper and fold; measure in 3 7/8" from the opposite short edge of paper and fold. Glue folded edges together to form your envelope. (Finished size is 4 ½" x 7".)
3. Find the center point of the 4 ½" edge of the envelope. Measure 3/8" down. Using a hole punch, punch a hole through both thicknesses of paper. Thread ribbon through both layers of paper and tie ends together leaving 1" tails.
4. Decorate outside of envelope. Be creative!
5. Place microwave packet of popcorn into ribbon loop. Push popcorn packet down into envelope, making sure it is secured at the bottom with the ribbon. Pull ribbon to reveal envelope surprise.



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Hot Chocolate Valentines Envelope

Supplies:

- ♥ Cardstock
- ♥ Glue Stick
- ♥ 12 inches of $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide coordinating ribbon
- ♥ Hole punch
- ♥ 12 – inch ruler
- ♥ Individual Packet of Hot Chocolate

Directions:

1. From the cardstock you designed or other cardstock, cut a piece $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
2. Measure in $3\frac{7}{8}$ " from short edge of paper and fold; measure in $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the opposite short edge of paper and fold. Glue folded edges together to form your envelope.
3. Find the center point of the $3\frac{7}{8}$ " edge of the envelope. Measure $\frac{3}{8}$ " down. Using a hole punch, punch a hole through both thicknesses of paper. Thread ribbon through both layers of paper and tie ends together leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " tails.
4. Decorate outside of envelope. Be creative!
5. Place individual packet of Hot Chocolate into ribbon loop. Push hot chocolate packet down into envelope, making sure it is secured at the bottom with the ribbon. Pull ribbon to reveal envelope surprise.



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