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What in the World?: Marbleized Gift Wrap

What do you need?: White paper, freezer paper, butcher paper, or white drawing paper, plastic wrap, several colors of tempera paint, newspapers or vinyl tablecloth to cover work surface, trash can, smock or old shirt to protect your clothes.

What you do: Cover work surface. Drip paint onto paper, letting several colors touch. Place plastic wrap over the paint and smooth with your hands, creating designs with your fingers. Remove plastic wrap and allow paper to dry completely before you use. Watch the colors blend together.

Tips: Make the paint thin to prevent clumping or flaking. You may want to tape the paper to the table to keep it from moving when you rub the wrap. Have the trash can handy to toss the painted plastic wrap.

Value:
Emotional — Pride in accomplishment and contribution.
Art Smart — Exploring color design and effects.
Physical — Eye-hand coordination.
Science Rocks — Mixing colors.

Variations:

- 1.) Make gift cards to match. Have your child sign and date their work.
- 2.) If you have too much paint on the paper, use another piece of paper instead of the plastic wrap to make a print of your design.
- 3.) Find pictures of artist's prints on the internet or at the library.

We did it!

Name

Signature/Stamp