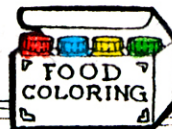


HOW TO MAKE

# PRETTY PAPER

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You will need:



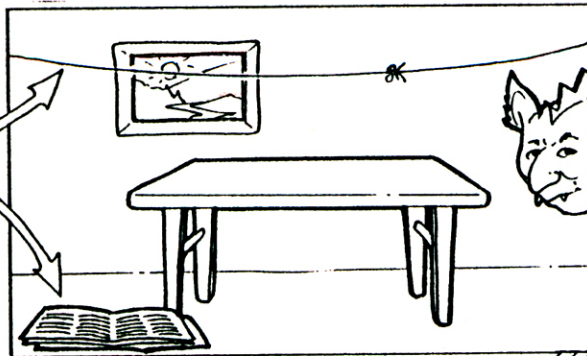
Set up ALSO...

Big flat table

Newspaper

String

Helpers



**1** Put each color in a small dish...



# ADD WATER

**2** TAKE 1 SHEET of TISSUE

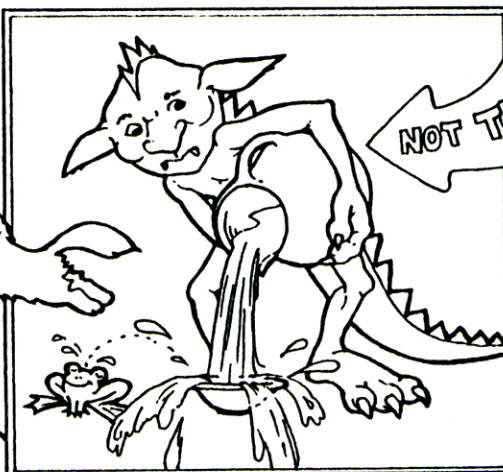
CAREFULLY FOLD it...

pressing down each crease crisply

FOLD in half and in half

and in half... OR triangles OR fan OR anything else you can think of

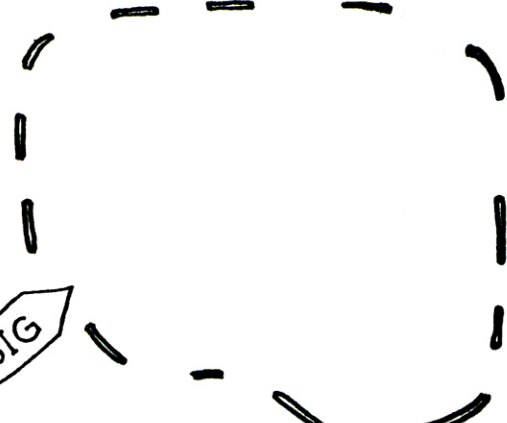
UNTIL IT'S THIS BIG



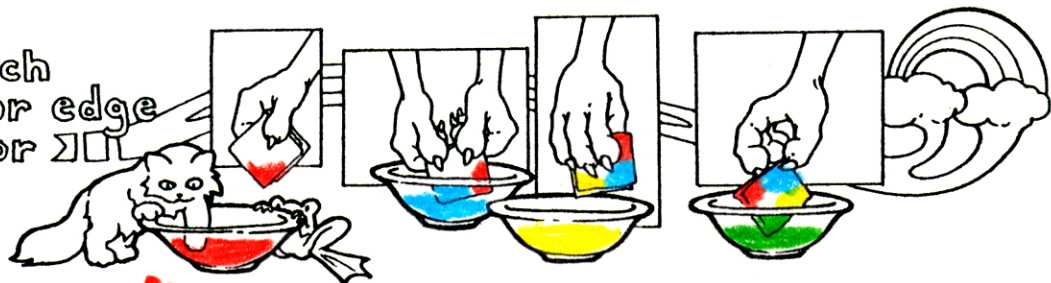
NOT TOO MUCH!

Add 2 tablespoons of water to each. For the dark colors - blue and green - use 3 tablespoons. For yellow use a little less than 2 tablespoons.

LESS WATER =  
MORE WATER =

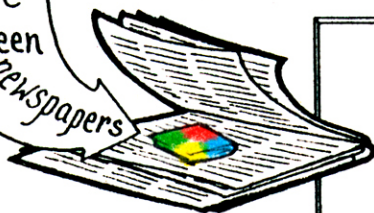


**3** **DIP** each corner or edge in a color



**4**

Place between newspapers



AND

JUMP UP & DOWN ON IT

**5** **VERY CAREFULLY UNFOLD TISSUE**

**6**

HANG ON STRING TO DRY



## TIPS

For a photo album that shows you how to do it, visit [kevinportraits.com/prettypaper](http://kevinportraits.com/prettypaper)

Step 2) For your first one, start with a square...fold in half and in half and in half (keep going), just a simple fold so you can see how this works. If you get too crazy with wild folding patterns it can be tricky to unfold.

Step 3) Dip quickly. If you hold it in the color too long it will soak up all the liquid and be a soggy mess. And there won't be any paint left for anyone else! Count "one banana" and that's about the right length of time.

Step 5) Small children will need help unfolding. The paper is wet and tears easily. As you get to the last unfold, an extra pair of hands pulling gently on either side can be helpful (yes even for grown-ups!).

NOTE: This project may not work well with tissue paper that is shiny on one side. Each brand of tissue paper is different. Test it by folding like step 2 and dip in plain water. It should soak up water like a sponge.

### SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR PRETTY PAPER!

- \* tree skirt around a small Christmas tree or potted plant
- \* placemat under a table centerpiece
- \* festive wall hanging
- \* "stained glass window"
- \* and of course wrapping presents!

WRAPPING TIP: The lettering on your gift may show through this thin paper. You can first wrap your present in white paper, butcher paper, kraft paper, or newspaper, and then your Pretty Paper.

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