<u>Materials</u>

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- Oil paints in different colours
- White Spirit
- Old teaspoons
- Art paper (make sure it's not too light)
- Old flat tray to fit art paper e.g. tea tray or baking tray

This activity should be carried out in a well-ventilated room as the white spirit is quite pungent. Try to do the lesson in the school hall, school yard, or else the classroom with windows and doors opened.

 Squeeze a little oil paint from a tube into a small container – a plastic cup, old mug, small bowl.

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- 2. Pour some white spirit into the container and thin down the paint using an old spoon until it is quite watery. Repeat this with all of the different colours being used.
- 3. Cover working area with lots of newspaper.
- 4. Place tray into centre of working area and half fill with water.
- 5. Using a spoon, place some of the thinned oil paint onto the water in the tray. Use as many colours as you wish. (Science link: explain what happens when water and oil mix.)
- Using a spoon, mix the colours together in the tray to get a swirly pattern, ensuring the oil colours have not lodged at the side of the tray.

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- 7. With the oil colours floating on the top of the water, carefully place a sheet of art paper flat on top of the water. The oil paint should adhere to the page.
- 8. Place onto some newspaper to dry overnight.

All children will experience success with this art lesson as there is little or no skill involved. All pictures will turn out differently.

Pictures can be mounted onto sugar paper as-is. It can be fun giving each picture a name, like abstract art.

Sometimes it's nice to do something else with the marbling as described below.

Use the marbled paper to cover a copy/book or use it as a background for project work are just two examples.

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Finished product





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Option 1

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- Cut a shape out of the sheet of marbled art paper. Cut smaller, but similar, (i.e. all circles, all squares etc.) shapes out of this shape.
- 2. "Explode" the shape as shown below, by gluing the shapes onto a page of sugar paper leaving spaces between each shape.
- Using left-over marbling, glue on marbled corners and/or borders to the sugar paper.



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Option 2

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- I. Choose a shape (e.g. a flower as in the example below)
- 2. Cut out the shape using the marbled paper.
- 3. Glue onto a sheet of sugar paper.



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Option 3

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- I. Choose a shape (e.g. a fish as in the example below).
- 2. Cut out the shape from the marbled paper and "explode" the shape, gluing it onto sugar paper.



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Option 4

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- I. Cut circles of varying sizes from different colour marbling sheets.
- 2. Cut some rings from some leftover marbling to place around a circle.

3. Display the circles of Marbling as an Outer Space/Planets display.



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