

10 BONUS TEXTURE TECHNIQUES

1. Wax Resists:

Using wax crayon or a candle, draw on to your paper and then paint over the top. Experiment with the consistency of the paint. If it's too thick, this effect won't work as well. The areas with wax will resist the paint.

2. Bleach:

Paint on to your paper and then apply bleach over the top. This works best if you add small drops of bleach and the paper is quite wet. Experiment with different consistencies of paint.

3. Salt:

Apply paint to your paper in a watery consistency. Sprinkle salt over the top. When it's dry brush the salt off to reveal the effect.

4. Glad wrap/Plastic wrap/Cling wrap:

Apply paint to your paper in a watery consistency. Place scrunched up glad wrap over the top and leave it to dry. Once dry, remove the glad wrap to reveal the effect

5. Masking fluid:

Paint masking fluid on to your paper with a paint brush. Leave it to dry and then paint over the top. Your paint can be any consistency. Once dry, use an eraser to rub away the masking fluid. Where you painted the masking fluid, the background will be revealed.

Hint: use an old/cheap brush and wash your brush out immediately after use. If the masking fluid dries on your brush it's very hard to remove

6. Hot glue gun/PVA glue:

Using PVA glue or a hot glue gun, draw an image/texture on to your paper. Leave it to dry and then paint over the top. The areas that have glue will resist the paint.

7. Dishwashing liquid:

Add some paint to dishwashing liquid in a cup. Blow bubbles into it with a straw. Once the bubbles reach to top of your cup, place your paper over the top of the cup. Alternatively, use the coloured dishwashing liquid and a bubble blower and blow the bubbles straight on to the paper.

8. Straw

Place ink or wet paint on to the paper. Using a straw, blow the paint around the page.

9. Acrylic Texture Medium

Add an acrylic texture medium to your acrylic paint to create different effects. e.g. glass beads, sand texture etc.

10. Marbling:

Using marbling paint, drop a few drops in to a bath of water (large enough to fit your paper). Swirl the paint around with a toothpick. Place your paper lightly on top of the water (so it floats). Remove and let dry