

Snow Collage

Use snow to experiment with absorbency and make a colorful collage!

Collect

- White cardstock or watercolor paper
- Crepe paper of various colors
- Tray or cookie sheet
- Snow



Rip it and place it

1. Tear the crepe paper into an assortment of shapes and sizes.
2. Place your piece of cardstock or watercolor paper on a tray or cookie sheet.
3. Arrange the ripped paper on the thick white paper to create a collage.

Snow Time!

4. Head outside and make a small snowball.
5. Place the snowball on top of the collage.
6. Put the tray with the snowball in the sink and wait for the snow to melt.

Inspect it

7. Once the collage has dried, remove the crepe paper pieces.
8. Notice what happened to the paper.

How does it work?

As the snowball melts, the water will bleed the color from the crepe paper. The cardstock or watercolor paper will absorb the colored water to create a colorful piece of artwork.

Take it further:

Experiment with the absorbency of different types of paper. Absorbency is the ability to soak up water. Try out different weights and textures of paper. Is there a difference in the absorbency of cardstock and watercolor paper? What happens if you use construction paper, printer paper, or notebook paper?

