

Easy Art Projects for Kids: Watercolors & Oil

Materials

- **Liquid Watercolors**
- **Watercolor Paper**
- **Eye Droppers**– we use these all the time- you'd be surprised at how fun they are for art making! Or Straws
- **Cooking Oil**
- **Trays or plates**
- **Paint containers or Dixi Cups**

Instructions

- **Step One** Mix your liquid watercolors and water in individual containers. Pour cooking oil into one separate container.
- **Step Two** Place your watercolor paper in a tray. This project is messy!
- **Step Three** Using an eyedropper, drop watercolors on the paper.
- **Step Four** Using a different eyedropper drop oil onto the paper and watercolors.
- **Step Five** Repeat these steps as desired. Before the art turns into a mess of brown I suggest limiting the number of time you repeat the process. If your kids are excited to do this, have multiple pieces of paper/trays on hand for them to make more art!
- **Step Six** Without disturbing the mix too much move to a safe location to dry.
- **Step Seven** Let dry for several hours or overnight.

The fun thing about this project is watching how the artwork changes as it dries. The oil punches out the color over time. And in case you are worried about oily art, over the course of a day or two the paper should dry out completely. To hasten the process hang the artwork up to drip dry or move the artwork to newsprint once the watercolors have absorbed into the paper. Now be sure to try the variation on this project below.