

Resist Art Snowflakes

Explore three resist techniques—using a crayon, candle, or petroleum jelly—to create a design to paint over. Make several different snowflakes, each with a unique pattern.

You will need:

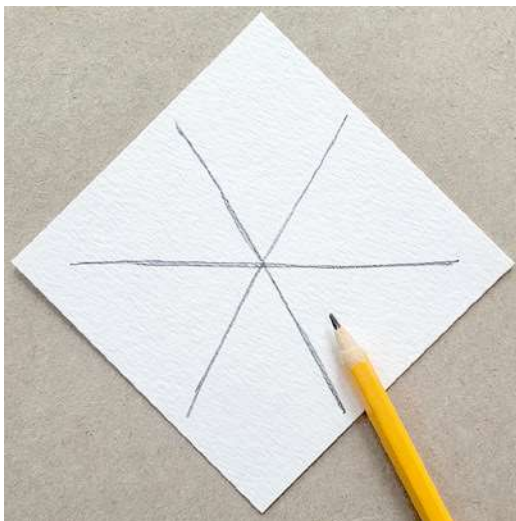
- 3 (or more) 4" square pieces of watercolor paper
- Watercolor paints and painting supplies
- Paper plates and paper towels
- Wooden skewer
- White crayon, birthday candle (any color), petroleum jelly, and a cotton swab
- Pencil
- Masking tape or mounting putty



Display a picture of completed [Resist Art Snowflakes](#) to get artists and crafters excited to try this art project.

Directions:

1. Position a square of watercolor paper like a diamond. Draw a horizontal line across the middle of the paper. Next, draw an X that intersects the line.



2. Select one of the three resist supplies—crayon, candle, or petroleum jelly. Draw over the pencil lines with the tool. Add details like scribbled circles, dots, and lines to create a snowflake.
3. Place the watercolor paper on a paper plate. Holding the center of the paper down with a skewer keeps it from moving. Paint the paper with watercolors in “winter” shades of blue, purple, and pink. Allow the paper to dry for a couple of minutes, then lay a paper towel on top to absorb the excess paint.
4. Experiment with the other resist supplies, repeating steps 1–3. Using a colored candle leaves a faint mark that can help draw a snowflake.



Note: When using petroleum jelly, use a cotton swab to apply it to the watercolor paper. Before adding paint, blot with a paper towel to remove any clumps of petroleum jelly.

5. Use tape (or mounting putty) to hang the unframed squares in groups of several snowflakes. If you place a piece of rolled masking tape or mounting putty in the center of the paper, it will lift it from the wall a bit, so the mini art pieces look like they're floating.



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