

Paste Paper Process

Materials needed:

130# watercolor paper, Heavyweight paper, old posters, etc.
Acrylic Paint
Ross Art Paste (paper mache paste / vinyl wallpaper paste)
Paint scraper (purchase from Sax Arts & Crafts)
Mixing container
Wide Paintbrush

Procedure:

1. Cover your work surface with newspaper or plastic.
2. Mix the paste according to the directions on the box.
3. In your mixing container, put in 2 parts paint to one part prepared paste. Mix thoroughly.
4. Using a sponge brush or wide paintbrush, pint the paint/paste onto the paper. Work quickly and cover the entire surface. You may wish to use multiple colors.
5. Immediately, use the paint scraper to create designs in the paste. Create patterns and designs on the entire paper. If you make a mistake, just paint over the area and re-design with the paint scraper. (If you don't have a paint scraper, make one by notching one side of a piece of heavy cardboard in a zigzag design)
6. Allow to dry **completely**.
7. If desired, you can put another layer of paste over the first, dried layer and create more intricate designs.