

BATIK

painting

Supplies

- Heavy-duty paper like watercolor paper or Bristol board
- Acrylic paints
- A large paintbrush
- Household sponges
- Scissors
- A white candle

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Project Instructions

- Look at some batik examples for inspiration. Do a quick wash of one color and allow it to dry, or use a hair dryer to hurry along the drying process.
- The wash may cause your paper to curl a little on the edges—this is why a heavy-duty paper is essential. Tape the edges of the paper to the surface of your table to flatten it.
- Use your wax candle to draw a simple pattern of shapes or lines on your paper. Press hard so the wax is thick and watertight! It will be a little bit hard to see your white wax marks on your paper, but the surprise reveal is part of the fun!
- Select a paint color for your background. Add a little water to your paint to thin it slightly. Use your brush to quickly cover the entire surface of the paper with another wash of color. Allow the color to dry.
- After your paper is dry, scratch away at the wax from the surface. I used the edge of an old library card to scrape away the wax. The wax resist drawing should reveal the color of the first wash!
- Cut some simple shapes out of the sponges. Pour a little paint on a plate. Test your sponge stamps on a scrap paper to get some of the thickness of the paint off before stamping a colorful pattern on top of your background pattern.