

Splash Background

This is a quick and fabulous way to create an interesting background.

1. Using the brush tip, add the marker color to the blending palette. Cover it with solid color. I usually choose darker hues for this technique. However, you can create more subtle backgrounds using lighter colors.
2. Use the water mister to spray the palette with water. Two or three sprays are usually enough. Be careful of what is on your work surface, as the water tends to splash off the palette.
3. Place the paper facedown on top of the palette. Let it soak up the color for a few seconds and then lift it up.
4. After you pick your paper up from the palette, some of the color will run. I generally help it even out by turning and tilting the paper to distribute the colors. Let dry completely. Try this method on different types of paper for varied results.

Variations:

- After you let the panel dry, mist it again with water to create a mottled effect
- After you let the panel dry, repeat the steps with the same or new colors to create this interesting layered effect.
- After you lift up the paper, and it's still wet, immediately sprinkle with salt. As it dries, the salt soaks up the color leaving a speckled effect. When the panel is dry, brush off the salt revealing the Salty Splash background.
- After you lift up the paper, cover the wet surface with a crumpled-up piece of plastic wrap. Gently press the plastic down onto the surface. As it dries, the color settles into the wrinkles for a subtle, cracked effect.

Galaxy Splash Background

This splash technique variation creates a galaxy effect. This technique is best on glossy photo paper. For this technique, you apply color to the palette in a special way before misting.

1. Before adding color, draw with the Glue Pen onto the photo paper. Add stars, zodiac stars and galaxy sayings. Let dry completely.
2. Using dark colors, add circles and swirls of color to the palette.
3. Use the water mister to spray the palette with water.
4. Place the paper onto it, and lift the paper up. Dry the paper using a paper towel.
5. When dry, add more stars with the fine tip of the brush marker. Use the glue pen to add rhinestones to your universe.

twinkle twinkle little star. . .

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