

## Jackson Pollack Project

If you don't have the space outdoors to do this project, you can try a smaller version by following the directions below.

### Materials Needed:

1 Piece of Thick Art Paper  
Poster Paints in Several Colors  
Paint Brush  
Unsharpened Pencil  
Cup of Water  
Scissors  
Cardboard box

If at all possible, I still recommend going outside. Otherwise, be sure to lay down newspapers to protect your workspace, and avoid working on carpet. Cut off the top and one side of your box. Lay your sheet of paper in the bottom of the box.

Choose your first color. Use your brush to splatter the paint across your sheet of paper. Do the same with your unsharpened pencil. Notice the difference between the paint splatters caused by each. Make sure not be too crazy with your splattering; the sides of the box should catch any stray paint. You can pour the poster paint straight from the cups they came in. When you think you have enough of your first color, repeat with your second color, then your third, then your fourth. If you can still see the paper beneath the paint, keep adding to your creation.

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**Create Your Own Jackson Pollock Painting** (In the past, this has been done by the whole grade at once.)

A PARENT NOTE HAS TO GO HOME BEFORE THE PROJECT, SO NO CLOTHES GET RUINED ACCIDENTALLY, EVEN WITH "FRIENDLY" PAINTS.

Looking at Jackson Pollock's art makes a lot of people want to try it for themselves

Materials Needed:

1 Queen Size Flat Sheet (any color will do) or drop clothes  
3-4 Buckets of Paint in Different Colors

Each student gets a styrofoam cup, spoon, and little plate. Pollack also dripped paint, so some students can poke little holes in their cups.

You will need to take the drop cloth home to dry, cut it up in 15 x 22 (or close) squares and dropped them off in the classroom for kids to take home.

Spread the sheet on the ground and place rocks on the corners to keep it from blowing away.

The students can use their spoons to splatter the paint across your sheet and/or fill a plastic cup with paint and pour or drip the color on your sheet. It will be easier to control where the paint goes if you use a cup rather than the whole bucket of paint.

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When you've finished, let your painting dry. This may take a while because you've used a lot of paint.

There is also an online version at:

<http://jacksonpollock.org/>