

## Title of the activity : Ebru

**For who :** 5+

**Duration :** 30+ min

**Number of players :** 8+

**Place :** Open – Closed spaces

**Characteristic :**

- Fun Activity
- Personal Improvement Activity
- Visual Talents Improvement

**Type of game :** Visual

**Educational interest :**

- Thinking in a creative way
- Using visual talents

**Materials :**

- A set of oil paints, turpentine, sheets, containers, rubber gloves, utensils

**Goal :** To improve visual talents and create paintings

**Method :**

- 1. Prepare the container :** Pour about an inch of water into the tray. Then choose the colors you want to use, and squeeze the paint into small, separate containers (I used the lids of the paint jars). Add some white paint if you want to get pastel shades.
- 2. Prepare the paints and colors :** Add some turpentine to the paint and mix. It is suggest doing this in a well-ventilated space and wearing rubber gloves (even though I didn't), because you don't want to breathe in the fumes or irritate your skin. The proportion varies depending on how much paint you are using—I use about a teaspoon of turpentine for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of paint. You want the mixture to become liquid and smooth, but not too watery,
- 3. Create your own Design :** Create your design by pouring your paint into the water. You can just dump it all in, or selectively distribute the colors where you want them. You can add more turpentine if you want to thin the mixture out in places
- 4. Lay a Sheet of Paper on Water :** Carefully lay a sheet of paper on the water. To avoid submerging it, start at one end and move slowly down the length of the paper—don't just plopp the whole thing down at once. (It's OK if the face-up side gets a little wet, but keep it as dry as you can.) Get ready to pick it up right away

5. **Remove the paper** : Remove the paper as soon as it's flat! Starting at a corner, gently lift it out of the water. Again, you might want to use rubber gloves.
6. **Dry the Sheet** : Lay the sheet out flat on a clean, protected surface. Once it's been drying for a while, you can lay a heavy book on top of it to keep the edges from curling (slide a piece of paper in between to protect your book).

