



Marbling on Shaving Cream using PRO Silk & Fabric Paints

Please read through the directions before starting.

For cotton, silk or any fabric that is absorbent including cotton/polyester blends, 100% polyester or nylon and paper. Experimentation is always necessary when you're marbling. Always do test samples before working on a large project. For additional information visit our website at www.prochemicalanddye.com

Supplies

- ✓ PRO Silk & Fabric Paints
- ✓ Can of shaving cream, such as Barbasol (do not use a shaving gel)
- ✓ Fabric or paper

Equipment

- ✓ waterproof tray that is 1" to 2" deep and a couple of inches longer and wider than the fabric or paper to be marbled
- ✓ squeegee
- ✓ roll of paper towels
- ✓ clothes line & clothes pins (to hang fabric after marbling)
- ✓ stylus, chop stick, teasing comb, toothpick or bamboo skewer
- ✓ pair of disposable gloves
- ✓ clean sponge
- ✓ plastic drop cloth or newspapers to cover work space

Shake the PRO Silk & Fabric Paints well, before using.

PART 1 Preparation

Scour the fabric by machine washing in HOT 140F (60°C) water, or by hand in a pot on the stove with ½ tsp (2 gm) PRO Dye Activator or Soda Ash and ½ tsp (2.5 ml) Synthrapol per pound of fabric (454 gm, or 3 to 4 yards cotton muslin, or 8 yards 8mm China Silk, or 3 Medium T-shirts, or 1 sweatshirt), or use Heavy Duty laundry detergent. This will remove any dirt, oil or sizing on the fabric. You do not need to alum the fabric or paper when marbling using this marbling method, like when using methyl cel.

PART 2: Marbling

- 1. Prepare the work space.** Cover your work space with newspaper or a drop cloth.
- 2. Spray a layer of shaving cream** to fill the entire tray or pan that you are using. Level the surface of the shaving cream.
- 3. Shake the PRO Silk & Fabric Paints** well before each use and periodically during the marbling session.
- 4. Drop the color.** Begin marbling by placing drops of your first color on the shaving cream. Place as many drops as desired. Move on to the second color, the third, etc. until the surface is covered
- 5. Make the pattern.** Manipulate the PRO Silk & Fabric Paints on the surface of the shaving cream with a stylus, chop stick, teasing comb or toothpick into the desired pattern.
- 6. Lay the fabric** or paper on top of the shaving cream and press gently over the entire surface, making sure that the fabric or paper has come in contact with the marbled surface.
- 7. Remove the fabric** or paper and lay it on a piece of plastic with the shaving cream side facing upwards. Use a squeegee to remove the shaving cream from the fabric or paper. Then lay flat or hang on a clothesline to dry.

Remove the excess color from the surface of the shaving cream and level the surface again to prepare for the marbling next piece.
- 8. Dry the fabric** or paper. The marbled paper does not need any further heat setting. After the marbled fabric has air dried, allow it to cure for seven to ten days before washing. This will insure proper adherence of the PRO Silk & Fabric Paints and improve wash fastness. Then the fabric may be washed with lukewarm water, gentle agitation and mild soap. Rinse in room temperature water 75°to 95°F (24°to 35°C) and dry.