

# Exploring Watercolors

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1. Prepare your papers
  - a. Paper 1: Divide into 8 rectangles
  - b. Paper 2: Cut in half
2. Preserving Whites
  - a. Masking tape / washi tape
  - b. Masking fluid
  - c. Lifting
  - d. Avoidance
  - e. Salt
3. Paper 1:

Test	Flat wash – wet + Add Salt	Glazing practice – Make a series of lines in one color. When dry, cross hatch a different color over it. For fun, try a contrasting and a complimentary color	Glazing practice – flat wash, wait until it dries, then add colors on top
Gradient wash – taper one color into another smoothly	Glazing practice: Paint leaf shapes in one color; add contrasting or complementary colors on top	Lifting color practice Make a dark flat wash. Top half: blot out color while still wet. Bottom half: when dried, add water and blot out color.	Free space!

4. Optional Fun Exercise: Valentine bird painting
  - a. Tape half sheet to desk
  - b. Sketch the picture of birds made of hearts LIGHTLY with pencil
  - c. Use various techniques to achieve desired results!
  - d. You can add pen details if you'd like
5. Optional Fun Exercise: Snowman
  - a. Tape half sheet to desk
  - b. Check out references to see if you can mimic the effects!
6. Continue to work on color wheel if you'd like
7. Optional Homework: find some YouTube tutorials!

