



# Ice Cube Painting

*Stay fresh, cool, and creative!* Freeze water and food coloring to make ice cubes to paint with on hot, summer days.

## Materials

- Food coloring or water-based paint
- Ice cube trays
- Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, chopsticks or plastic cutlery
- Paper
- Small towel



## Instructions

1. Pour water into the ice cube trays.
2. Drop 10 or more drops of food coloring or water-based paint into each ice-cube section. Try mixing two primary colors—red, yellow, blue—to create secondary colors!
3. Stir the colorful water in each ice cube section.
4. Place one popsicle stick or a similar item in each ice cube section.
5. Move the ice cube tray into the freezer carefully and wait at least five hours for the ice to set.
6. Pop the ice cube paints out of the tray, and enjoy some cool and colorful art-making!

## Go Further

Now try moving color through ice! Fill a carton with water, seal it up, and place it in the freezer. Cut the carton off of the frozen ice cube on a baking tray. Sprinkle kosher or sea salt on top of the cube. Add drops of food coloring onto the salt. Watch the salt create colorful crevasses in your ice sculpture.

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