Let’s create marbled paper

Paper marbling combines art and science to make beautiful patterns. Artists swirl colors across a watery or creamy surface and then transfer the resulting designs to paper. Like a fingerprint, each piece of marbled paper is unique. Ask an adult to help you create your own patterns!

Materials
Shaving cream
Tray or disposable aluminum pan (such as a cookie sheet, pie pan, or cake pan)
A cardboard square or straight edge
Food coloring or paint (up to four colors)
Toothpick or plastic fork
Heavy paper

1. Spray the shaving cream into the tray or pan. Use the cardboard to smooth it out.
2. Add a few drops of food coloring or paint to the shaving cream. You can add up to four different colors.
3. Use a toothpick or plastic fork to swirl the colors around. Be careful not to mix the colors up too much!
4. Place the paper on the cream and gently press on it.
5. Slowly lift the paper and scrape off any excess shaving cream with the cardboard.
6. Let your marbled paper dry. You can then use it to decorate a card, a book, a picture frame, or something else. You decide!