

# WILDFIRES

## Smoke in the Water

Follow the instructions below to make a smoke-like painting.



### MATERIALS:

a container large enough  
to fit a piece of paper  
water  
black ink or paint

a paintbrush  
white paper, cardstock  
preferred, but not necessary  
paper towels

- 1** Fill the container  $\frac{3}{4}$  full of water.
- 2** Take the paintbrush and dip it in the black ink or paint. Then, dip the paint-covered brush in the water. You should see small, black ripples appear out from the brush. Repeat this step as many times as you like.
- 3** Once you think you have enough paint or ink in the water, set the paintbrush down and blow across the surface of the water. This will cause the paint ripples to change shape. It will start to look like smoke. Blow across the water until you get a smoke pattern you like.
- 4** Take the sheet of white paper and gently lay it on top of the water. It will soak up the ink design you created. Once the paper is completely wet, carefully lift it out of the water and lay it on some paper towels in a safe place to dry.



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