

Make Your Own Glitter

Glitter and glow, glamour guys and gals! Your child can make her own glitter and then use this homemade glitter in art projects galore.

What You Need:

- Food coloring, various colors
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt
- Spoon
- Microwave (to be used with parent's help)
- Wax paper
- Tupperware containers
- Paper and crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Glue



What You Do:

1. Tell your child that she will get to make her own glitter for use in glittery art projects.
2. Help her measure $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of salt into a microwave-safe bowl or container.
3. Have her add 5 drops of one food coloring color to the salt, putting the drops in various white areas of the salt. Let her stir it well.
4. You can put her dish in the microwave and cook it for one to two minutes, until it heats up a bit (time depending on the strength of your microwave).
5. Have her put out wax paper and spread out the salt crystal glitter on the wax paper. Let it air-cool for about ten minutes.
6. Repeat steps #1 to 5 for other colors of glitter that your child would like to create, if you have other options of food coloring colors.
7. While waiting for glitter to cool, have your child color a picture on paper that she would like to decorate with glitter. Glitter goes great with fashion drawings, royalty drawings (kings, queens, princesses, etc.), fairy pictures, jewelry pictures and more.
8. After the glitter is cool, have her put glue on her art in the places she would like to "glitter up" her drawing. Then let her sprinkle or spoon glitter onto the glue.
9. Store the glitter colors in separate Tupperware containers. Glitter can be glued on other arts and crafts projects too: collages, paintings, sculptures, picture frames, birthday cards, you name it. Homemade glitter adds bling to Everything!