

Crafts

Source: *Kids Can Do It Pioneer Crafts*. Barbara Greenwood and Heather Collins. Kids Can Press. 1997

SPATTER PAINTING

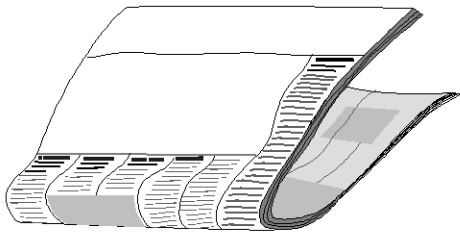
Try decorating the way the pioneers used to. They would use spatter painting to decorate wooden chairs or chests.



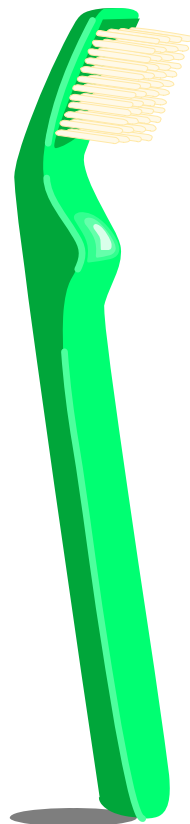
YOU WILL NEED

- *Leaves, ferns and grasses
- *Newspaper
- *Sheets of paper, bags, boxes or cards to decorate
- *A wire sieve or small square of wire screening
- *An old toothbrush or stiff-bristled paintbrush
- *Tempera paint in several different colors

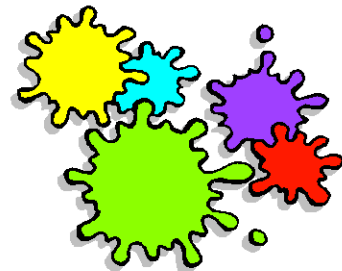
1. For patterns, collect interesting shapes from nature. Use leaves while they are fresh, or press them between books to keep them flat.



2. Spread newspaper and place the paper or card for decorating on top. Arrange the leaves in a pattern on the paper.



3. Hold the sieve or screening about 3 inches above the paper. Dip the toothbrush into the paint, tap off any drips, then run the brush over the sieve. If you don't have a sieve or screening, hold the toothbrush over the paper and drag your finger along the bristles.



4. Let the paint dry, then try spattering a second color. When you are finished, carefully pick off the patterns.