



Colored Sand Instructions & Techniques

Colored sand is incredibly versatile and can be used for a multitude of colorful sand art projects. You can sprinkle, layer, and design with many vibrant, sparkling colors. It bonds well with school glue and adhesive paper. You can incorporate this sand into various crafts like sand paintings, mosaics, decorative vase filler for floral and candle arrangements, as well as adding color and texture to any art project. With such a wide range of beautiful colors, the design possibilities are endless!

Our colored sands are also suitable for festival activities, school projects, scout activities, wedding unity sand ceremonies, Zen gardens, and sand sensory tables.



Tools Needed

- Bottled liquid school glue - various applicator tips
- Paint brush
- Toothpick or stick
- Razor blade knife
- Funnel
- Sticky paper
- Thick paper, board or canvas
- Plastic or glass container
- Work area tag board or craft tray to collect extra sand in

Working Techniques

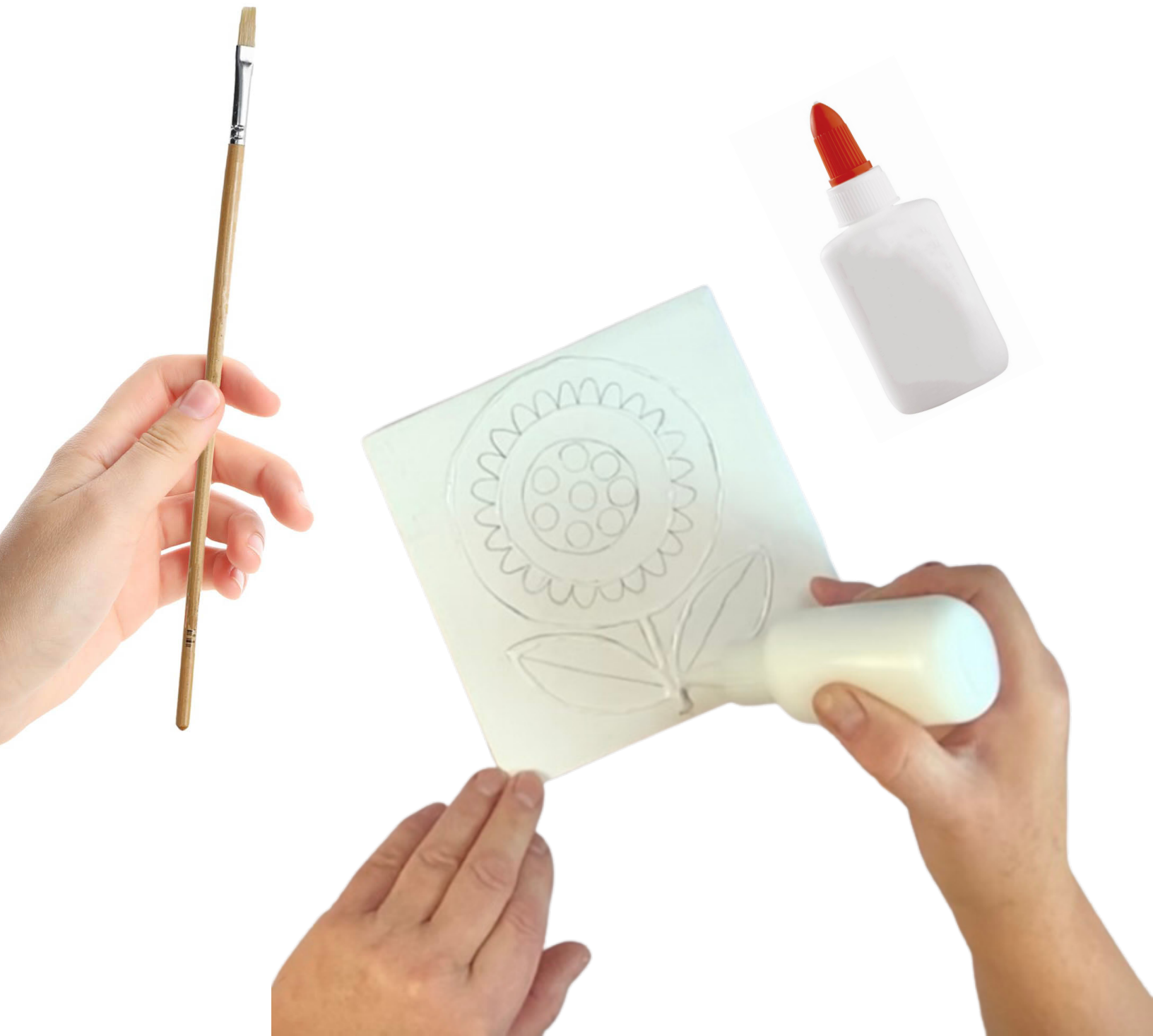
1. Sand Painting

- Draw a design or image onto thick paper, board or canvas.



- Choose where to start and what color of sand to apply first. Apply the liquid white glue over drawn lines using the tip of the glue bottle. Different size bottle tips may be used to achieve thinner or thicker beads of glue. As well as a toothpick to spread glue into small areas. For solid shapes in the design or image, use a paintbrush to fill in the areas.

*NOTE: Glue may be thinned out if needed with a small amount of water.

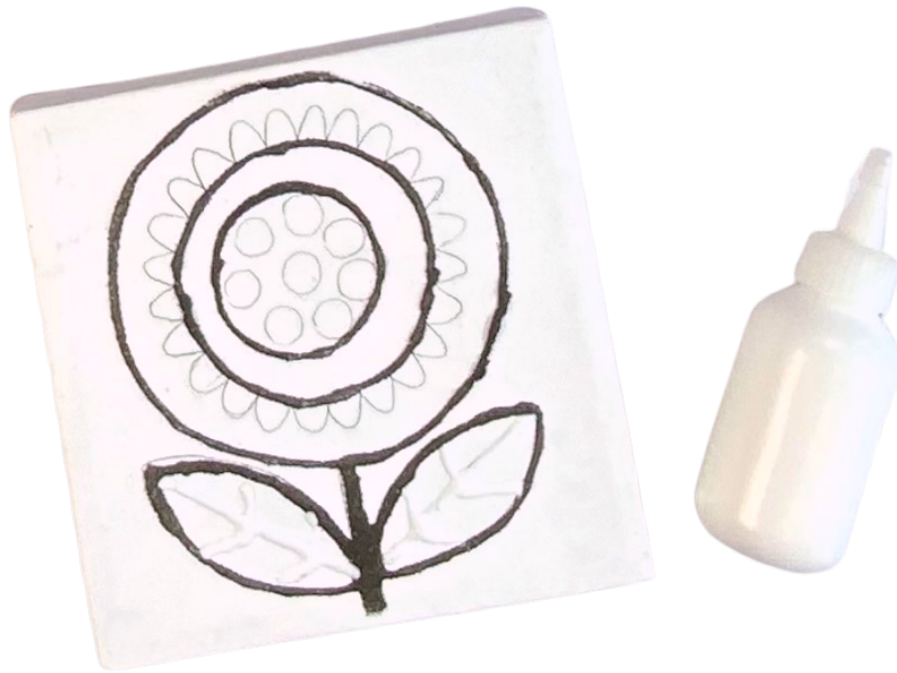


- Sprinkle the colored sand on top of the glue applied areas.



- Wait for several seconds and then pour off the excess sand onto a piece of paper or collecting tray.

*TIP: Excess sand maybe reused.



- Sprinkle colored sand onto the solid glue applied shapes.



*NOTE: Apply sand to the solid shapes, one color at a time, and allow to dry thoroughly before applying different colors (otherwise the colors will mix).

- Continue the above process as needed until all the lines and shapes of the design or image are completed.



- Allow the completed sand painting to dry. Drying time will vary on the glue's thickness.



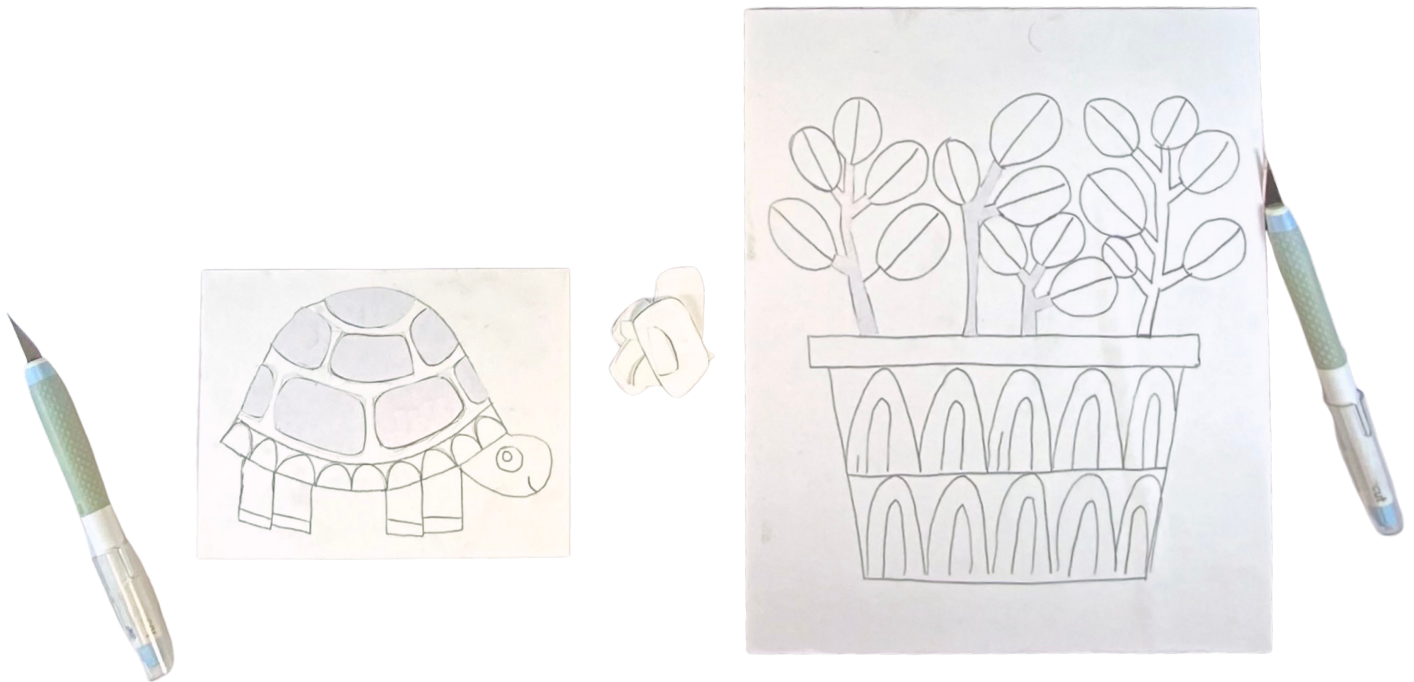
2. Adhesive Board Sand Painting

***TIP:** The easiest of the sand painting methods to try is the one that uses adhesive boards and colored sand. Simply remove the protective layer on the adhesive board and apply sand in any way you like.

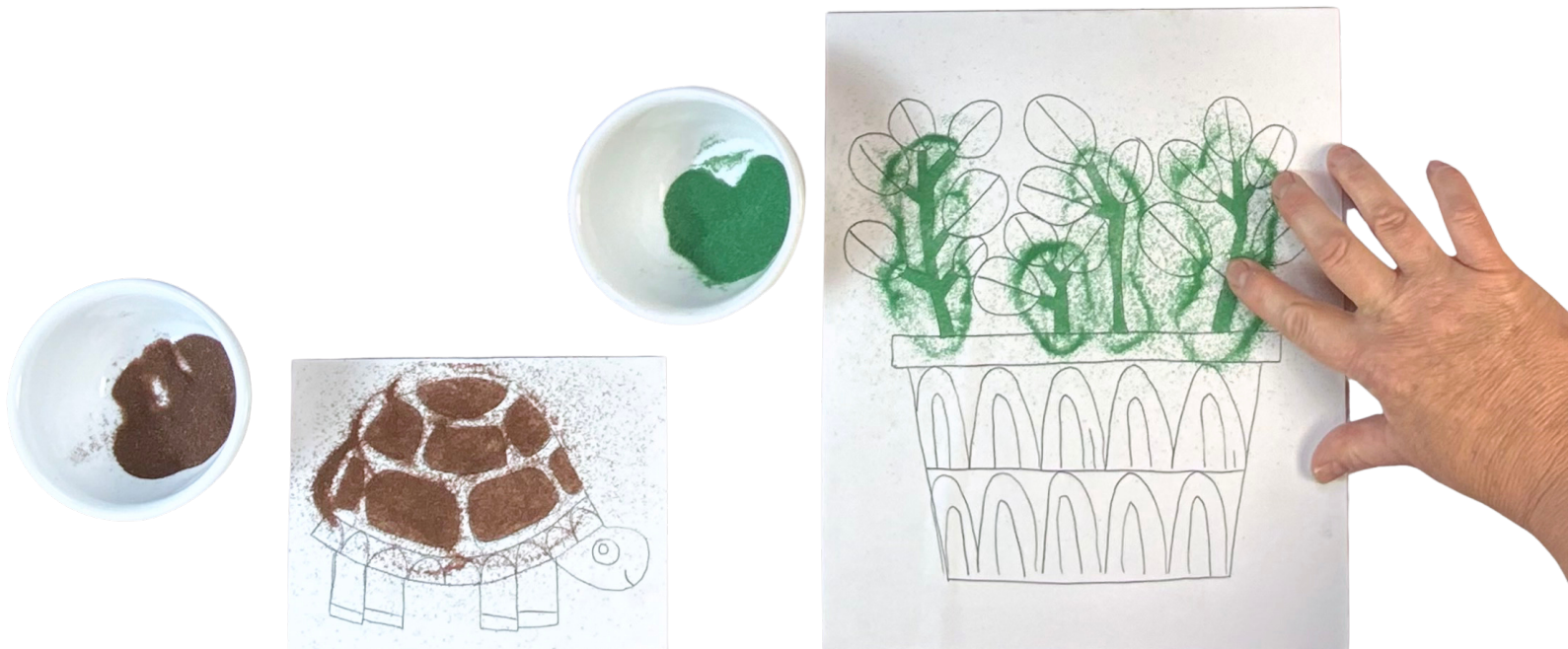
- Draw desired design onto the adhesive board.



- Use an razor blade knife to cut out paper sections of the board revealing the adhesive board below. Start with one section at a time as to not mix up the sand colors.



- Sprinkle the desired color of sand over the revealed adhesive board. Pat the sand in place using your fingertip. Tap off the extra sand when the areas are fully covered with the sand. (Sand can be reused.)



- Continue applying various colors of sand following the steps above until the entire design is completed. Finished works can be framed once completed to help the sand to stay in place.



3. Using ArtiSand Kits

Activa' offers a unique way to create sand paintings with their ArtiSands kits. ArtiSands are sand coloring products that provide hours of creative fun for individuals or groups aged 5 and up. These products make coloring with sand an easy and enjoyable activity. You don't need any special talent or artistic skills—just your imagination to guide you. Get ready to sprinkle, layer, and create designs using a variety of vibrant and sparkling colors.



- Using only four steps, you can create a beautiful sand design or picture every time! Simply peel off a segment of the design; pour colored sand on the exposed adhesive, pat the sand in place, and tap off the excess into the craft tray.



4. Liquid Sand Dripping

- Begin by coving your work area to avoid making a mess.
- Pour white liquid glue into a mixing bowl. Dilute the glue with a small amount of water to thin it out. Sprinkle in colored sand until desired shade is achieved.

***TIP:** You could use decoupage products as well since they are glue, sealer, and finisher all in one, they tend to give better results.



- Use a spoon to scoop up the sand mixer and pour it onto the board or canvas. Start at the middle or at one of the ends of the board.

•TIP: Heavy card, wood, or canvas board may be used to dripped artwork.



- Move the glue mixture around the board by tilting it from side to side. Use a drop cloth of some sort underneath the board to aide in cleanup.



- Continue with as many colors as desired until the design is complete.
- Set the artwork on an elevated surface so that any excess sand glue can drip off the edges. Let it dry for at least 24 hours.



5. Applying Sand Texture

- Apply the liquid glue to the surface area to be textured using a bottle tip or paint brush.



- Sprinkle desired sand color over the areas with glue on them and tap off the excess sand.



- Allow the sand textured object to dry for 24 hours.



6. Layered Sand Container Arrangements

- Select a container with a shape and size that suits your design. Ensure the opening is wide enough to easily add sand but not so wide that it's difficult to control the layers.



- Carefully pour the colored sand into the container. A funnel may be used to aide in pouring sand into narrow rimmed containers.



- Continue adding layers of desired colors. Tilting the container at an angle while pouring will create diagonal layers.



- If you want to create more intricate designs, use a thin tool like a pencil or skewer to manipulate the sand once it's in the container. You can create patterns, waves, or even pictures by carefully pushing the sand around.



- Once you're happy with your design, you can seal the container to prevent the sand from mixing. One method is to pour a thin layer of glue over the top layer of sand and let it harden. Alternatively, you can use paraffin wax to create a seal.



7. Unity Sand Ceremony Pouring Vase

- A unity sand vase is used in a wedding ceremony to symbolize the joining of two lives into one. During the ceremony, the married couple each pour sand of different colors into the vase, representing their individual lives merging into a unified whole. The vase, typically clear, showcases the layered colors of sand, creating a visual representation of the couple's union.





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