

MARVELOUS MUGS

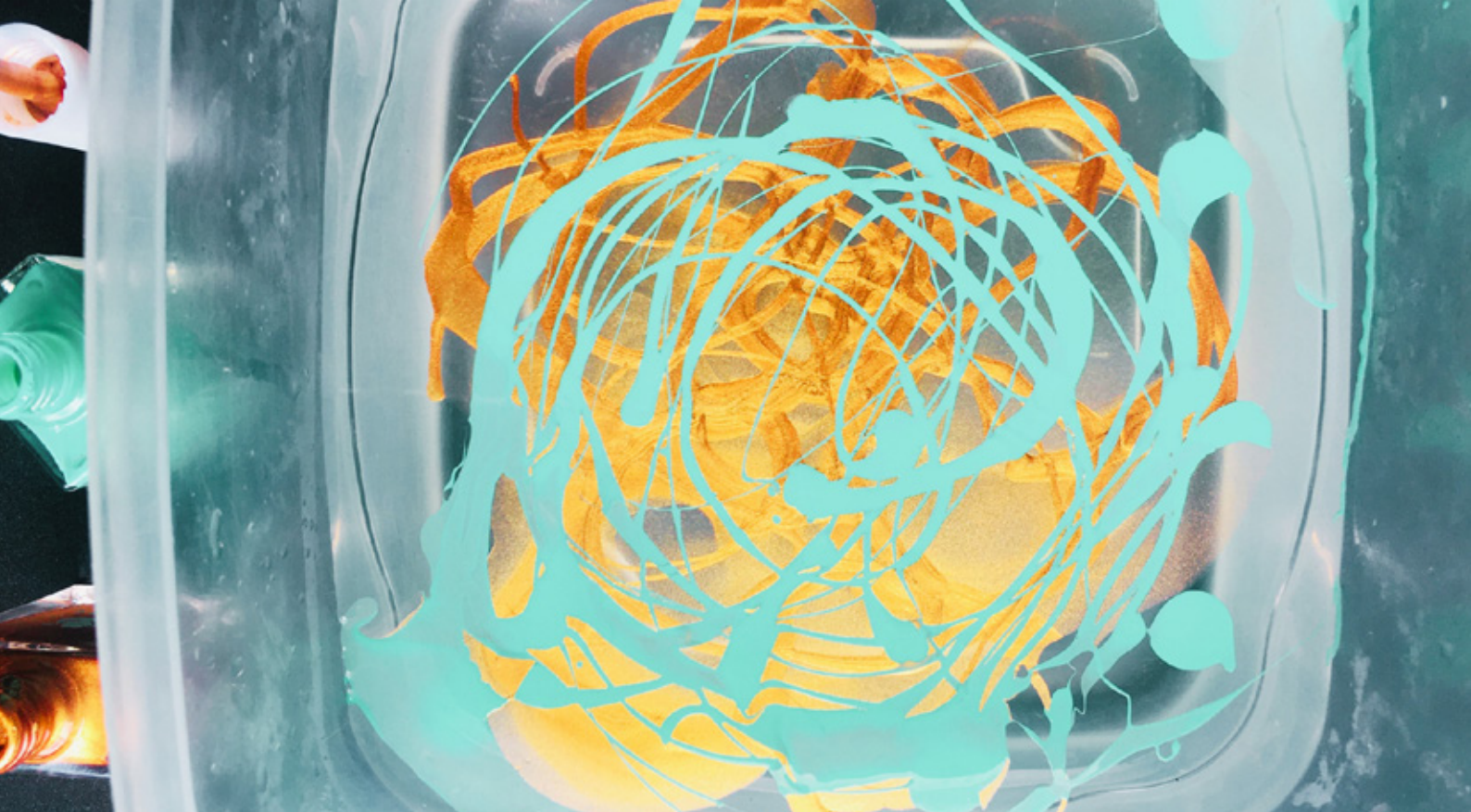
Anelia appreciates the value of a long-lasting friendship and a great cup of coffee. In this month's Creation Station, she teaches us how to combine the two with a beautiful marbled mug, perfect for any friend.

Friendship is important for support and companionship in our lives. True friends provide a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on in times of need. They bring joy, laughter, and shared experiences that create lasting memories. It's through friendship that we find encouragement, acceptance, and a sense of belonging. Why not treat your special friend with a DIY marbled mug? The technique we are going to use is called hydro dipping, but instead of spray paint, we'll use nail polish. It's an easy and fun craft, and the results are beautiful.

SUPPLIES

- Nail polish in color/s of choice (quick-dry nail polish is not suitable)
- Skewer
- Container filled with hot water
- White ceramic mug
- Nail polish remover (optional—if you make a mistake)
- Cotton buds or cotton wool
- Dishwasher-safe Mod Podge
- Small foam brush
- Newspaper to dry mug on





PROCESS

1. Make sure you have all your supplies ready. This craft requires you to work fast.
2. Ensure that your ceramic mug is thoroughly clean and dry. Remove the sticker on the underside with hot water and dishwashing soap.

TIP: If the sticker is especially difficult to remove, try heating it for a few seconds with a hairdryer before peeling it off.

3. Use a container that is large enough to immerse the mug without touching the sides of the container.

NOTE: The container may get damaged, so it's advisable not to use an expensive or valuable one.

4. Fill the container with HOT water. Carefully pour the nail polish into the water. Hold the nail polish bottle close to the water's surface to prevent the drops from sinking to the bottom. Instead of individual drops, opt for creating swirly lines of nail polish spread across the entire surface of the water but with gaps between the lines.

5. The nail polish tends to dry quickly, so it's crucial to work fast. Use a skewer and swirl the nail polish around, remembering to ensure it spreads and covers a large portion of the water's surface. Avoid thick globs of nail polish!
6. Dip your mug into the nail polish, taking care to avoid getting any on the area where your mouth will come into contact with the mug. Leave the mug for a few seconds in the polish-infused water, allowing the nail polish to adhere to its surface. Once done, carefully remove the mug from the water, and flip over to dry.
7. Remove any imperfections with a cotton bud or cotton wool soaked in nail polish remover.
8. Once the nail polish has dried, apply two layers of dishwasher-safe Mod Podge to the sections of the mug that have been coated with nail polish. Use a small foam brush to ensure even application. Allow each coat to dry thoroughly before applying the next one.

Then all you need to do is invite a friend over and put the kettle on. Cheers!

Photos courtesy of the author.



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