

## Painting With Salt

Painting with salt is very simple. All you need to do is sprinkle a few grains of salt on your colors while the paint is still wet. The salts will absorb the moisture as well as part of the dye.

You can use all kinds of salt: sea salt, coarse or fine, dishwasher salt or soda crystals.

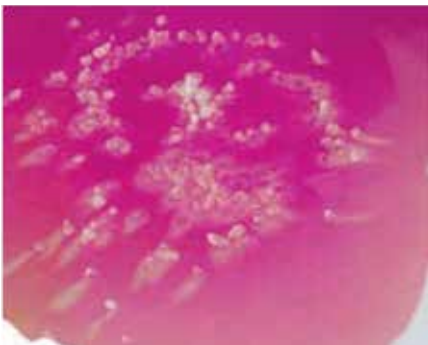
Different salt kinds and sizes will create different kinds of effects.



### 1. Salt effects

You can control the effect of salt by depositing the grains of salt one by one on the silk. Each grain of salt will then create different flower or flame like shapes. Use pinches of salt to control the desired effect. Use very dry salt. Dry it if necessary by placing it near a heat source. The more color, the more the absorption capacity of the salt is limited.

Salt has a more dramatic effect on vibrant colors (yellow and its derivatives). It has less effect on magenta and cyan colors. The best results are obtained with darker combined colors (brown, navy blue, burgundy).



### 2. Using coarse salt

When you plan on using salt on part of your silk only, **always paint the areas which will not have salt first and allow to dry well before painting the areas that will have salt.** Otherwise, there is a risk of stains.

**When the color is dry,** remove the salt with a large brush or a slightly stiffer brush.



### *Important*

The salt should be very dry.

Do not move your artwork while the salt is on the damp silk (Stains due to runny paint).

Steaming will brighten the colors.