

The Bad Spell, presented by Mary E. Johnson

I don't know who invented this fun project, (thanks, whoever you are!) It is super-easy and turns out great. I learned it at mini club, using fast setting, two part Epoxy, but now I use only Tacky glue. I strongly recommend that you skip the epoxy glue and use Tacky glue, also. Especially if you are doing this with children. It is safer, and dries in a couple of hours or so.

Supplies: sandwich bag or sheet protector with a big piece of cardboard inside. (I use a sheet protector or plastic wrap on a smooth surface,) TACKY GLUE (or fast setting epoxy) two shades of acrylic paint- one light, one dark in color of your choice, (tea green and Viridian Green are used in the samples,) toothpicks, "rolly-eyes" in various sizes (Medium is good, but try large, smaller and colored eyes in your puddles.)

- 1- The plastic baggie (or sheet protector) is your pallet to work on. The cardboard inside gives you a firm, flat working surface. Press out the air and seal, if using baggie.
- 2- Pour a little puddle of glue on your work surface. You can make several puddles at once, working carefully. Move the glue around to make an irregular shape. (If using Epoxy, it can be messy and hard to clean up, so have some nail polish remover (acetone) and paper towels to clean up any unwanted spills, and work quickly!) Tacky glue gives you more time to work.
- 3- Dip a toothpick into a dab of the lighter paint color and thoroughly mix it into the glue and forming an irregular shaped puddle. Optional.. pull glue out from the puddle, with a toothpick, forming the impression of a hand or foot (or claw?)
- 4- Now dip a clean toothpick into the darker color (not too much paint, just a bit) and swirl it through your colored glue. You can swirl in more paint, if needed. Stop when you have a swirly, squiggly, streaked puddle that you like.
- 5- Randomly place a pair of roly-eyes into your puddle (or one large eye!) When making more puddles, you might choose to reverse the paint colors. Start with a darker base puddle and swirl in a much lighter color. Experiment! These are fun and easy, and you can toss the ones you don't like!
- 6- Allow the glue to dry thoroughly (several hours or overnight) before removing from the work surface and place wherever you like. In front of a dog who is chewing on the witch's wand? In front of a beginner wizard with his "Spell Book?" Or beside a very nervous frog? Is it dripping off of a chair? Go wild! Go "bad!" But, have fun, and share the results of your "Bad Spells" with us, online! (Pictures follow. . .)



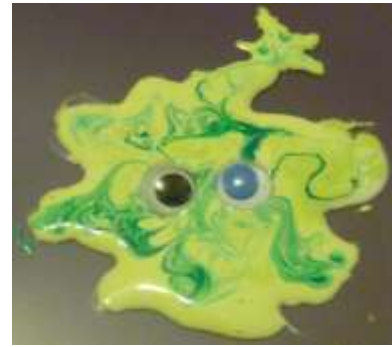
Blob glue



Add base color



Add darker swirls



Add eyes



Reversed colors & huge eyes!

Let dry thoroughly!



BAD SPELL, YOU NAUGHTY GIRL!