

Difficulty rating ❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️

Length of time it will take: 30 minutes to make 5 cards

Finger paint Christmas cards

These cards are quick and easy to make, even for little hands. Think about who you would like to send a card to and make it personalised for them.

Crafty shopping list

- Blank cards and envelopes
- Paint of different colours (we used watercolours)
- Pens in different colours
- Glass filled with water
- Baby wipes to clean your fingers
- Newspapers or an old tablecloth
- Optional: Black pen for the writing



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How to make



1. Place the newspapers or old tablecloth that you don't mind getting messy, on your table for protection before you get started.
2. Decide which design you'd like to make from the ideas on this template, remembering to dab a bit of water on the colour of your choice.
3. Swirl your finger in the paint and pick up some colour on your finger.
4. Press your finger firmly onto the card and lift off the paper.
5. Repeat as many times as you wish, remembering to wash your finger in the water and wipes before changing colours.
6. When the paint has completely dried, take your coloured pens to decorate your card and make it come to life.
7. Write a Christmas message on the front if you wish, in your neatest handwriting. Check out the Craft Cupboard (mind.org.uk/craftcupboard) for our hack on how you can create your own fake calligraphy.
8. Sit back and marvel at your one-of-a-kind Christmas card. Don't worry if it's not 100% perfect, it adds to the handmade look! The lucky person to receive it will feel all warm and fuzzy that you took the time to make it especially for them.
9. Take a photograph of your crafty creations and post them on Twitter Facebook or Instagram, with **#crafternoon** and **@MindCharity**



Crafty variations

Now that you have the materials, you can use finger painting to make the rest of your Christmas wrapping:

• Wrapping paper

Take some brown paper and create a pattern of a finger paint design for unique, homemade wrapping paper.

• Place settings

Take some card and fold in half. On one side add a finger paint design and write on the name. Repeat for all of your guests and place one at the top of each plate.

• Gift tags

Cut some card into a rectangle and hole-punch one corner. Add a finger paint design and write on the name. Take some twine or ribbon and feed through the hole and tie it to a wrapped gift.

