



Armory Teaching Artist:
Michelle Ohm



Michelle Ohm has been teaching at the Armory for 10 years. She was an Armory Fellow in 2010 and received her MFA from Otis. She sees teaching as an opportunity to inspire and empower. As a teacher, her goal is to challenge, engage and give her students confidence in their ability to make artwork. Ideally, she wants students to feel a sense of accomplishment with their portfolios and an urge to continue taking and making art. Michelle has exhibited in Samuel Freeman Gallery, LA Municipal Art Gallery, Forest Lawn Museum, and Davidson Galleries (Seattle).

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Fun for all ages!

#ArmoryArtsChallenge: Coffee Ink Art

Adapted from Nick Neddo's book *The Organic Artist*, this Coffee Ink Art activity comes to you from Armory faculty member Michelle Ohm.

Materials

- 4-8 cups of coffee
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Brush or mark-making tool (BBQ skewers are fun to try)
- Paper

Tools

- Coffee pot, French press, or pour over system
- Filter
- Jar/container (with lid)
- Small pot
- Measuring cup
- Teaspoon
- Optional: 1 mug for yourself

Steps

1. Brew some coffee



3. Reduce the ink. To make the coffee ink more concentrated (darker), pour it into a small pot on low heat until you achieve your desired saturation. Have a brush and test paper handy. To make the next step easy, I reduce it down to about 1 cup.





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Steps continued

4. Keep it safe and preserved. Pour the coffee ink into a jar or container. For a longer shelf life, add 1 teaspoon of both salt and vinegar per cup. The vinegar will also ensure that the color of the ink won't fade over time (aka mordant).



5. Paint or draw to your heart's content!



6. Optional: Try adding binders such as honey or gum arabic to test out what happens.

