

# UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

## CREATE MICROSCOPE INSPIRED SALT ART

- 1** Take a piece of watercolour paper. Wet your paintbrush in the water and dip it into the water colour paint.
- 2** Paint onto your piece of paper.
- 3** Sprinkle a small amount of salt over the wet paint. Do this before the paint dries.
- 4** Repeat steps 2 and 3 to add more colours and texture.
- 5** Experiment! What happens when you add the salt first? What happens when you use lots of salt? How does the type of salt affect the outcome?

### What is happening?

Salt absorbs water. When salt is placed on the watercolour paint, it absorbs the nearby water, similar to a sponge. When salt sucks water to itself, this is called *osmosis*.

### Materials Needed

- Watercolour Paper
- Watercolour Paint
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Salt

