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# Painting the ocean

This abstract painting activity will demonstrate how to graduate colour and reinforce the rhythmic nature of the energy of the ocean.

## You will need

- Paper
- Blue, yellow and white paints
- Images of the ocean

## Steps

1

Look at the ocean images and describe what you see. Are there any patterns?

2

On the paper, draw wavy lines across the page.

3

Repeat this process until you have wavy lines in layers all the way to the bottom of the page.

4

Using the darkest blue paint, paint the bottom layer of your wave picture.

5

Mix slightly lighter blue by adding white or yellow to the blue paint in the pallet.

6

Paint the next layer up on your picture with the new lighter shade of blue.

7

Continue painting the layers using progressively lighter shades of blue until you get to the last layer and the paper is full of paint.

## Analysis/ discussion

**When the paint is dry use a dark marker to write words on your painting that describe the waves. Use words that go together such as 'to and fro', 'back and forth', 'up and down' or 'rise and fall'. Think about the best places to write the words before you put pen to paper.**

**Does your picture have repetitive qualities?**

**How is this wave movement converted into electricity? (See the 'Key points' section of this resource for information on making electricity using the energy in waves.**