

Salt Painting (continued)



What's Happening?

Salt is a really useful product that has the ability to absorb moisture from its environment. Its ability to absorb water is what makes salt a good preservative.

This property of absorption is called hygroscopic. Hygroscopic means that salt absorbs both liquid water (the watercolor paint mixture) and water vapor in the air. Notice how the salt absorbs the watercolor mixture below with your raised salt painting.

Challenge: Is sugar hygroscopic like salt? Why not try doing this project with sugar for a fun science experiment and compare the results!

