

# Experiment: Growing Crystals on Paper

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1 cup ammonia  
1 cup water  
1 cup salt (equal amounts of each ingredient)

Odds and ends of used, wrinkled tissue wrapping paper

Plastic cups (one per each child)

Paper plates for under each experiment, if wanted

Children's names on plastic cups with permanent marker.

## Students:

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## Teacher procedure:

Mix all ingredients in bowl or empty used container that can be stained. I use an old laundry measuring cup to stir and pour.

Cover tissue paper in each cup with 2 or 3 tablespoons of the mixture. Sprinkle a little extra salt over the top of each finished cup. When all cups are done, pour any remaining liquid to even things up.

The crystals will begin growing right away. Begin in the morning so the children can observe the changes during the rest of the day. The next morning they will be excited to see the final product.

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