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- Plan your design beforehand – You will need to paint quickly!
- Prepare your space – things might get messy!
- In **plastic cup** combine equal parts water and Plaster of Paris powder. ADD SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER at a time. Mix together using a wooden craft stick until it looks like a thick pancake batter!
- Cut a drinking straw into a small piece, about 1 inch.
- In small paper plate, hold the 1 inch straw upright about 1/2 inch from the plate’s side (See diagram) and pour the mixture into the bottom of the plate. Be sure your mixture layer is not too thin, as this may cause it to break later!
- Use the craft stick to smooth out the mixture.
- Hold the straw in place for a few minutes until the straw stands up on its own.
- Start painting! While the mixture is still wet, create your design with the paint provided. You can also use a toothpick to “carve” designs! Clean your brush on a paper towel while you go as some of the plaster may build up, making it difficult to get clear lines.

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