Salt painting is a great way to use simple items around your house to make your very own masterpiece! Gather your supplies, get those creative juices flowing, and let’s get started!

**Supplies:**
- Cardboard
- Liquid glue
- Salt
- Watercolor or food coloring mixed with water
- Paintbrush, Q-tip, or eyedropper
- Cookie sheet

1. Lay your cardboard on your cookie sheet.
2. Using the glue, draw a picture on your cardboard. We did a picture of a tiger **pugmark** and added designs around it.
3. With the glue still wet, coat your painting with salt.
4. Pick up your painting and let the extra salt fall into the cookie sheet.
5. Let your painting dry.
6. Get your watercolors ready. If you don’t have watercolors, you can make your own! Have an adult help you mix a couple drops of food coloring with water.
7. Once your glue and salt is dry, add your watercolors to your painting using a paintbrush, Q-tip, or eyedropper. Watch as the colors spread through the painting!
8. Let your painting dry.

What are Pugmarks?
Pugmarks are pawprints! Did you know that cat and dog pawprints are different? Dog pawprints will often include claws because their claws are non-retractable. Cats, on the other hand, will usually have their claws retracted so they may not show in prints. Another major difference in cat and dog prints is the number of lobes in the pad of the paw. The pad is the biggest part of the print and lobes are the rounded sides of the pad. In dogs, the pad has one lobe at the top and two at the bottom. In a cat, there are two lobes at the top and three on the bottom.

If you enjoyed salt painting, try it again! You could paint a wild cat in their natural habitat or your favorite animal at Carolina Tiger Rescue.

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