

# Zara's Watercolour Explorer Journal

*Learning objective: To explore the properties of watercolors, describe color blending, and express personal artistic choices through observation.*

Welcome to Zara the Zebra's art studio! Today, you are going to be an artist. First, choose your colors and paint in the space provided. Then, use this journal to record your discoveries about how water and paint mix together. Talk to an adult about how your colors changed when you added more water.

*Word bank: water · paint · mix · light · dark · bright · soft · color*

**1. My Color Choices: Which colors did you pick for your painting today? Tell me why you like them.**

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**2. The Water Magic: What happened to the paint when you added a little bit of water? Did it get lighter or darker?**

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**3. Mixing Wonders: If you mixed two colors together on the paper, what new color did you make?**

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**4. My Favorite Part: What is your favorite shape or splash on your page? Describe it to me.**

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**5. Zara's Challenge: If you were painting a sunny day, which colors would you use and why?**

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*Extension challenge: Try painting a small circle with one color. While it is still wet, add a drop of a different color in the middle and watch how they dance together!*