



Marbled Magic

IT MAY BE A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK, BUT WHEN REIMAGINED FOR A WEDDING—IN EVERYTHING FROM PAPER TO PASTRIES—IT LOOKS DOWNRIGHT MODERN. GIVE IT A WHIRL ON YOUR BIG DAY USING ONE OF OUR IDEAS.

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GLASS ACT

You don't need to be a glass-blower to make these beauties. We drizzled inexpensive glass bottles and vases with paint, then set the design by baking it at 350° for 30 minutes. Choose curvy vessels to help the paint pool in interesting ways (for pattern inspiration, check out the pretty droplets on the opposite page), and if you mess up or change your mind once it's dry, just scrape off your uncured artistry with a craft knife and start over.

THE DETAILS: Martha Stewart Crafts transparent glass paint (\$3.50 for 3 oz) and fill medium and mixing bottle set (\$5; both michaels.com for stores).

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NOVEL IDEA

This book-inspired suite (note the marbled lining) has a surprise ending: it's all DIY. The cover is off-the-shelf faux suede that we "embossed" with gold letter stickers. Plus, you can self-publish! Download the editable clip art—including the bookmarks—at marthastewartweddings.com/spring2013.

THE DETAILS: Halcyon "Secret Love" **marbled paper** (\$4.50 per sheet, papermojo.com). Mood Fabrics **faux suede** (\$18/yd, moodfabrics.com). Jam Paper & Envelope **alphabet stickers** (\$4 for 2 sheets, jampaper.com).

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CARD SHARP

Like brides, marble patterns come in a mind-boggling array of styles, and these mesmerizing papers—resembling everything from feathers to petrified wood—are just an edited sampler of the designs. In a few folds, turn them into escort-card envelopes, then ask a calligrapher to gussy them up with script.

THE DETAILS: Assorted papers #1, 5, 9 from **Paper Mojo** (from \$3.75 per sheet, papermojo.com); #2, 4, 6–8 from **DeMilo Design** (from \$4 per sheet, demilodesign.com); and #3 from **The Paper Studio** (\$5 per sheet, paperstudio.com). Calligraphy by Nancy Hopkins (hopkinslettering.com).

SWIRLING 'SCAPE

Even a rental table can become a masterpiece when you add a custom-colored linen runner in your palette. The finishing touch? \$1.40-a-pop yellow favor boxes that look like a million bucks after you dunk them in alternating circles of clear and silver marble paint. **THE DETAILS:** Natalie Stopka runner (from \$35, nataliestopka.bigcartel.com). Marabu Easy Marble paints (\$3.25 each, thecraftbarn.co.uk). Smitten on Paper token favor boxes (\$28 for 20, smittenonpaper.com).

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MOTTLED BEAUTIES

Variegated ivy leaves, anthurium, and the petals of roses and tulips are naturally speckled, so they appear as authentically veined as the stuff that comes out of a quarry. Cement their classic appeal with Linda Moran's hand-marbled ribbons, which can be ordered in any width or color and used to accent bouquets, corsages, boutonnieres, and even favors (from \$2 for 1 foot, marbledesign.com).





FLOURISH-Y FAVORS

Two Florentine traditions—sugar and art—come together in these edible takeaways. Thank guests by giving square marshmallows that resemble blocks of Carrara marble, fancy striated lollipops, or sugar cookies with marbled icing. All are easily wrapped for transporting home—assuming your guests can resist scarfing them down on the spot! (For the marshmallow and sugar-cookie recipes, visit marthastewartweddings.com/spring2013. For the icing how-to, see The Workbook.)

THE DETAILS: Key Profits Fundraising lollipops (\$240 for 480, keyprofits.com). Papermart plastic boxes (#8301140, \$10.50 for 50, papermart.com).

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SLABULOUS SLICES

It looks like a chiseled sculpture but this three-tiered confection is actually paneled in bars of chocolate made by Mary Matson for Chocolate Editions (chocolate-editions.com). The use-it-anywhere scroll backdrop gets its design from pressing rice paper onto easy-peasy, no-mixing acrylic ink suspended on water.

THE DETAILS: Yasutomo & Co. Hosho paper roll (\$11.50, yasutomo.shptron.com), FW ink in Flesh (\$5, rexart.com).

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