

For the “Get Wet” project, I chose to use a handheld blender, a bowl, and 2 cups of water. I photographed the motion turbulence of the water that was created by the motion of the blender. Initially, I used corn syrup, hoping to get a thicker movement, but it was very hard to see. I also attempted to use food coloring to show to way that the food coloring would dissolve throughout the water, but the visualization did not create a photograph that I liked.

I took this photo in my kitchen. Initially, I poured the two cups of water into the bowl. I then took the blender and rested it against the bottom of the bowl, so that it would stand up on it’s own. The blender is called an immersion blender which allows it to sit on the bottom of a bowl and through holes in the attachment move the liquid in the bowl. The bowl was sitting in the middle of the stove, with a light directly above it. I turned the blender on and took the photo, approximately 12 inches above the bowl. I used a Canon PowerShot SD100 digital camera with 3.2 mega pixel resolution to take this photo.

I am both happy with this photo, but it has made me want to do even more with this project. Initially, I used a large blender, which I liked the artistic aspect of looking down into the blender better than the bowl. Unfortunately, my camera was unable to capture the movement of the water because it was too fast, and when you looked at the photo it looked very blurry. I think that the introduction of food coloring also could have made the photo more interesting if I could have working the lighting a bit better to eliminate the glare. The most frustrating aspect of this project was the realization that each time I took the photo, it looked completely different, which I think is because of the way the water reacted to the blender. This made it difficult to repeat a shot or to “correct” a lighting problem in one shot. I like that the image is clear and the turbulence in the water is visually clear. I also like the way that the silver of the blender looks almost pink because of the bowl. I do not like that the image is very light. I chose to use a lighter, more well-lit image instead of a darker image because the light helped the water to be shown more clearly. I am interested in continuing taking photos of this nature, I think that water is a very interesting subject.