



HANDY ART

AGES 0-2



DIRECTIONS:

Use fingerprint or pudding with the children to encourage them to create. Encourage the children to smear and push the paint on a smooth surface, like a table top. Describe what the child is doing with the paint and what they see, such as lines and curves.

INCLUDING INFANTS:

Infants like to pat, push, and smear. Encourage them to do this with the paint or pudding. Describe how the paint or pudding is responding to the infant's movements. Use words like squish and pat and spatter.

TODDLER TIPS:

Toddlers can make images. Encourage them to smear the paint on the surface, then use one finger to draw in it. Next use more than one finger to make lines and images in it. Describe and talk with the children about how the lines look different. Ask questions to give them a chance to talk about the lines and marks they make.

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PAPER MOSAIC

AGES 3-5

MATERIALS

- pencil or marker
- different types of paper, such as construction paper, wrapping paper, old greeting cards, magazines, etc.
- scissors
- glue

DIRECTIONS

1. Sketch your design on a sheet of paper
2. Cut multiple, different pieces of paper into 1/4-inch strips
3. Snip the ends of your strips into squares, you can also experiment with cutting your strips into other geometric shapes (triangles and rectangles)
4. Glue your "tiles" to the sketch you created in step 1. Try gluing your tiles from the outside edges of the paper and work your way inward.

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UPCYCLED FISH

AGES 6-8

MATERIALS

- Round paper plates
- Scissors
- Empty toilet paper roll or paper towel roll
- Old magazines and/or tissue paper
- Glue
- Bottle cap
- Crayons, markers, or other craft supplies

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut a triangle out of the side of the paper plate, creating the fish's mouth. Then, cut a smaller triangle out of the triangle.
2. Glue the large triangle to the paper plate to create a tail fin. Glue the smaller triangle to the center of the plate to create a pectoral fin.
3. Cut the toilet paper roll into rings. Then, snip each ring in half, creating dorsal fins. Glue these along the top of the fish.
4. Cut up your magazines or tissue paper into scales to cover your fish.
5. Using glue, collage the pieces of paper onto the paper plate however you'd like. Crayons or markers can be used to color in fins, if desired.
6. Glue a bottle cap in place to create your fish's eye.

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