



Gadget Painting

Skills Learned: Creativity / Play, Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Young children will delight in creating colorful "paintings" by using everyday kitchen gadgets dipped in paint, then printing with them on large paper.

Supplies



- ★ Drop Cloth
- ★ Butcher paper or newspapers or paper bags
- ★ Masking tape
- ★ Old kitchen utensils (e.g. spatula, whisk, wooden spoon, potato masher, sponge, brush cleaner, etc.)
- ★ Bucket
- ★ Pie tins
- ★ Tempera paint – several different colors

Directions

Gadget Art works well as an outside activity.

- 1 Lay down a large drop cloth to protect the work area.
- 2 On the top of the drop cloth, tape down a large piece of butcher paper. (This will serve as the canvas for the art project.) If you don't have butcher paper, tape together sheets of newspaper, or brown grocery bags which have been cut open and flattened.
- 3 Put out several pie tins filled with tempera/non-toxic paint.
- 4 Place the kitchen utensils in a bucket, then place the bucket in a central area to allow easy access for children.
- 5 Show the children how to dip the gadgets into the paint and then how to make marks with the gadgets on the large paper.
- 6 Allow the children to have fun creating the painting together.
- 7 Hang their finished creation!

Tips For Mixed Ages: Infants will notice different colors and shapes in this art project. Toddlers will hear the names of the different utensils and start to associate the new words with the objects. All ages will learn about color and will explore how different colors mix to create new colors.



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