

Painting fun

Equipment

- **Paints and brushes, paper, old clothes, apron.**
- **For bubble pictures: washing-up liquid, containers, straws, sponges.**
- **For golf ball pictures: golf ball, ping-pong ball or crunched-up paper.**
- **Sponges, pieces of vegetable or anything that could be used for printing.**

Instructions

Painting will give your child the opportunity to experiment with colours and colour mixing, textures and different materials.

Start with the three primary colours (red, blue and yellow) and white.

Try handprints in addition to using brushes.

Use a large piece of paper – old wallpaper could be used.



Variations

Bubble pictures: mix paint, washing-up liquid and water in a small container. Blow into the mixture with a straw until bubbles spill over the container. Place a piece of paper on top of the container to make a bubble print.

Put a piece of paper inside a shallow tray. Roll a golf ball dipped in paint around the tray.

Make print pictures. Cut up 'value range' kitchen sponges to print with, or make vegetable prints.

Put a large piece of wall lining paper on the ground. Encourage your child to stand in a shallow tray of paint, then make footprint pictures.

Precautions

Paint can be very messy! Wear old clothes and an apron and cover surfaces with newspaper. Protect carpets with an old shower curtain.

Make sure that handwashing facilities are nearby so hands can be washed before touching walls, etc.

If bubble painting, ensure that your child **blows** into the straw.



benefits

- Developing hand skills and hand/eye coordination.
- Developing imagination and creativity.
- Learning about colours, shapes, different textures.
- Investigating how colours can be mixed to make other colours.
- Having fun.