

Ice Cream Puffy Paint



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

Puffy paint is a great take on using different textures and mediums for kids to explore. This easy and quick recipe can be used over and over again to create many masterpieces!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Cognitive

Indicator:

Focusing their observation on details

Skills:

Observing



Materials

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup water
- 3 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- Food coloring
- Bowl for mixing paint base
- Small cups for different colors of paint
- Black construction paper
- Brown construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Paintbrush
- Brown marker
- Microwave (optional)



Instructions

Step 1: In a medium-sized bowl, mix your flour, baking soda and salt.

Step 2: Slowly add in your cup of water, stirring as you go. The consistency you're looking for is similar to pancake batter - don't worry about the clumps, though! Add more water if needed.

Step 3: Once mixed, divide your mixture into 3 small bowls and add 1-2 drops of food coloring into each bowl and stir.

Step 4: To make the ice cream cone base, cut a triangle out of your brown construction paper and glue it to your black construction paper. Next, take your brown marker to create criss-cross lines along it to make it look like a waffle cone.

Step 5: We're ready to paint! Dip your paintbrush into one color and

paint a small ice cream shaped blob on top of the "cone". Use a dabbing motion to create a 3D effect.

Step 6: In between colors you can place your paper in the microwave for 10-15 seconds to speed up the drying process to add more scoops of ice cream!

Step 7: Once you've added all of your ice cream layers, let it full dry overnight and in the morning you'll have a tasty, puffy stack of ice cream scoops!



Playful Questions

- What happens if we mix blue and yellow together?
- How can we make a dark blue color? How about a light blue color?
- What would happen if we added too much/not enough water?
- Can you count out the scoops for each ingredient?
- What tools could we use to paint our project?