

Sand Paint



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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

Kids love to play with sand and love to paint- why not combine both with this fun and practically free art activity?!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Cognition

Indicator:

Naming and describing the things that they have observed

Skills:

Observing



Materials

- Sand (¼ cup per color)
- Paintbrushes (one for each color)
- Paint (2 tablespoons of each color)
- Paper/canvas
- Spoons/popsicle sticks
- Small bowls
- 2 measuring cups



Instructions

Step 1: Have your child measure out ¼ cup of sand in each of the bowls for each color they want to make.

Step 2: Have your child measure out 2 tablespoons of paint into each bowl of sand. The consistency of the sand paint should be thick- experiment with the ratios until you find the perfect texture for painting!

Step 3: Stir it up with a spoon or popsicle stick!

Step 4: Get creative! Encourage your child to paint using their new sand paint. Once dry (overnight) have them touch their painting and describe what it feels like.



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Encourage them to hold the paintbrush properly in their hand and trace shapes/letters on their paper/canvas.

For younger toddlers: They may mix the paint colors together and have large blobs on their page - this will create a cool effect but may need more time to dry.



Playful Questions

- Describe how your painting feels as you touch it (once dry).
- Does the sand paint feel different than regular paint? How so?
- What other things can we add to our paint to change the texture?
- What does the sand feel like as you mix the colors?
- How can we make a bright rainbow using our sand paint?



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