

Paper Tube Fireworks



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

This art activity is child-led and will allow children to explore painting in a whole new way. Celebrate the new year with this art activity and use up some of those recyclable materials through painting! These colorful images create a great display and will brighten up any room for the new year!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Physical

Indicator:

Coordinating senses with motor skills in increasingly complex ways

Skills:

Sensory Exploration



Materials

- Black paper
- Toilet paper rolls
- Bright paint colors
- Scissors
- Paper plate

Instructions

Step 1: Start this activity by cutting your toilet paper rolls. This is great practice for fine motor skills. You'll want to have ½ inch strips of paper hanging from each tube. Cut down your tube vertically, halfway making little hanging pieces of cardboard around the whole tube.

Step 2: Next, put a few plates of paint out on plates, make sure to spread it around so all paper tube bits get paint on them when it's time.

Step 3: Now, dunk your paper tube roll into the paint with the cut side down so all of the paper tube bits go into the paint, it looks a bit like a spider!

Step 4: Once there's enough paint on the tube, dab it onto your black construction paper creating an explosion of color.

Step 5: Repeat this process with different colors on your paper and let it dry overnight. In the morning you'll have a colorful display of fireworks!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Have older children blend colors and create a pattern to practice patterning skills!

For younger toddlers: This is a great activity for younger children who don't have full fine motor control as they can hold the tube with their whole hand!



Playful Questions

- How many fireworks can you fit on your page?
- Have you ever seen fireworks before?
- What would happen if we had fireworks in the daytime?
- What new colors can you create with the fireworks?