

Marbled Moon Activity



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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

Have you ever looked at the texture of the moon? It can be quite beautiful with different shades of grey, white, and black with bumps, mountains, and valleys all along its surface. Recreate it with this fun art activity!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Cognitive

Indicator:

Mixing and transforming materials

Skills:

Reasoning Logically



Materials

- White paper
- Marbles
- Paint (grey, black and white)
- Small, flat container.
- Scissors



Instructions

Step 1: Start your activity by cutting a circle out of your paper. Make sure your circle is quite large.

Step 2: Place your circle inside your flat container.

Step 3: Add a few drops on top of your paper of black, white and grey paint.

Step 4: Place a few marbles inside the bin and have your child move the bin back and forth and in circles to move the marbles through the paint.

Step 5: Once your child is happy with their moon, remove the moon circle and lay it in a spot to dry overnight. In the morning you'll have a marble-textured moon surface!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Older children will love the process of this activity. Explore making marbled planets with different colors!

For younger toddlers: Shaking a large bin with their arms might be challenging. Choose a bin that they can hold with both hands or opt to make a smaller moon with a smaller container.



Playful Questions

- Can you roll the marble in a straight line across the page?
- What happens if we add more than one marble to the bin?
- How many moons does the earth have? Do any other planets have a moon?
- How come no two of our moon arts look the same?
- Have you ever seen the moon up close through a telescope?