

Coffee Filter Easter Egg



Easter

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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

Get the kiddos into the holiday spirit by creating their very own coffee filter Easter eggs! Using commonly-found household items, this fun activity will help little ones practice their fine motor skills while learning all about color and light.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Physical

Skills:

Fine motor
Pincer grasp

Indicator:

Using pincer grasp to apply paint to the eggs.



Materials

- Paper coffee filters
- Scissors
- Food coloring child-safe paint
- Small containers (e.g. yogurt cups)
- Cotton swabs, cotton balls or eye droppers
- String
- (Optional) Waterproof placemat, garbage bag or newspaper



Instructions

Step 1: If using your table or floor, protect the surface with a placemat, garbage bags or newspaper.

Step 2: Cut out the shape of an Easter egg (oval) from your coffee filters. Avoid tearing the fragile paper by holding multiple filters together and cutting them simultaneously.

Step 3: Fill your yogurt cups with water, leaving enough space to stir them without spilling.

Step 4: Place a few drops of food coloring or paint in the water and stir so the color is evenly mixed, using a 3:10 ratio of paint to water. Repeat for each color, using one color per container of water.

Step 5: Place the egg-shaped coffee filters and colored water containers in front of your child, along with a few “brushes” (cotton swabs, cotton balls or eye droppers).

Step 6: Have the child dip the brushes into the paint containers and then dab them onto the eggs. If possible, use one brush per color to avoid mixing colors in the containers.

Step 7: Leave the coffee filter to dry overnight.

Step 8: Once dry, cut or poke a small hole in the top of the coffee filter eggs. Feed a string through the eggs and hang them in a sunny window and watch how the light filters through them!



Playful Questions

- What is your favorite color?
- What else can we use to put the color on the egg?
- What colors have we not used yet?
- What color do you think will happen if we mix (color 1) with (color 2)?
- Where should we hang the eggs?