

Q-Tip Skeleton



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

Q-tips are such a versatile art medium. They can be used to paint with and can be used for a skeleton handprint! Grab a handful of q-tips, some white paint, and have your child paint their hand and arm. They'll love getting messy with this activity!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Emotional

Indicator:

Beginning to understand the sense of self

Skills:

Autonomy



Materials

- White paint
- Q tips
- Black paper
- White glue
- Scissors
- Paintbrush



Instructions

Step 1: The first step is arguably the most fun - give your child a paintbrush and have them paint from their fingertips to their elbow with white paint.

Step 2: Once completely painted, help them place their arm and hand on the black paper and press firmly making sure not to move around too much.

Step 3: Let the outline of their hand and arm dry for a while.

Step 4: Next, set out some q-tips (some full q-tips and some smaller ones cut in half) and have your child place the q-tips where they think their bones are using white glue.

Step 5: Once all of the bones are in place let it dry overnight. In the morning you'll have a super spooky skeleton arm!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: This is a great way to have younger children start exploring parts of the body - bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, you name it!

For younger toddlers: Younger children will need a bit more assistance putting the q-tips down on their skeleton, they may put them horizontal or diagonal, and that's ok! Embrace the uniqueness!



Playful Questions

- How many bones did you add for your fingers?
- How many bones do you have in your hands?
- Can you feel the bones in your body?
- Why is it important to have strong bones?
- Do you know what bones are made of?