

Ice Cube Painting



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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

This is a fun summer activity for all children! As your child plays and creates with melting ice, they will be working on their autonomy and learning about making choices. Your child will be using a variety of skills while being creative and avoiding distractions.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Emotional

Skills:

Autonomy

Indicator:

Making choices and avoiding distractions increases



Materials

- Ice cube tray
- Popsicle sticks
- Food coloring
- Cups
- Spoon
- Scissors
- Plastic wrap or aluminum foil
- Hard paper



Instructions

Step 1: Have your child pick three or four colours they want to paint with.

Step 2: In separate cups, mix water and food coloring (1 color per cup) to form your paint.

Step 3: Pour the colored water into slots in an ice cube tray.

Step 4: Cover the ice tray with plastic wrap or aluminum foil, poking a small hole over each ice cube slot.

Step 5: Cut your popsicle sticks in half and place them in the tray so they are standing as straight up as possible.

Step 6: Freeze completely.

Step 7: Find a nice place outside to set up a painting area.

Step 8: Have the children use the ice cubes to paint on the hard paper. Once finished, allow it to fully dry.



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Have your older children do the mixing and give them the independence to do this activity on their own.

For younger toddlers: Your younger children may need some encouragement and hand over hand to get them started.



Playful Questions

- What colors should we use?
- What will happen when we put the water in the freezer?
- What happens when ice is in the sun?
- Why does ice melt?
- Will the ice melt clear or colored?