

Primary Art Projects - Week 5

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If you would like to learn about and discuss primary colors, here are two online resources with an imaginative take on the subject.

Read the book *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Three white mice discover some paint! This book introduces primary and secondary colors.

[Online reading of the book *Mouse Paint*](#)

Jump along as you sing about primary and secondary colors

From the Sesame Street video library - The band OK Go sings and dances along to their song about primary and secondary colors. Have fun dancing along!

[OK Go - Three Primary Colors](#)

Baking Soda and Vinegar Painting



Materials needed:

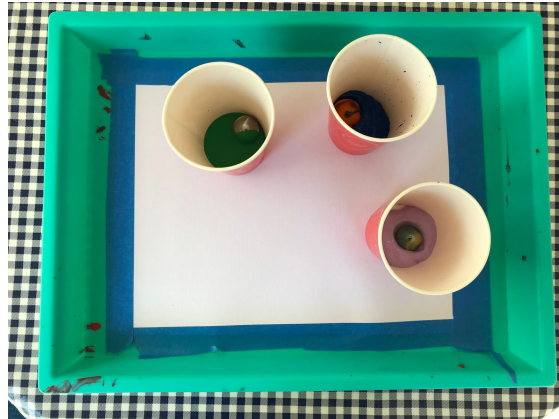
- A box of baking soda
- White vinegar
- Food coloring
- Rimmed tray or baking sheet
- Droppers or pipettes if you have any
- Spoons and/or very small cups for pouring vinegar

Instructions:

- Pour the entire box of baking soda onto your tray and spread it out.
- Fill some cups with vinegar and add food coloring so you have a few different colors of vinegar to paint with.
- Let the fun begin! Using droppers, spoons, pouring small amounts at a time, or any other method, you can 'paint' with the vinegar on the baking soda and watch the magical fizzing reaction as you go. This exploration of material and color leads to beautifully textured abstractions, color mixing, and eventually with enough vinegar a saturated puddle of smoothly textured goop that is an incredibly satisfying sensorial material to play with.



Marble Painting



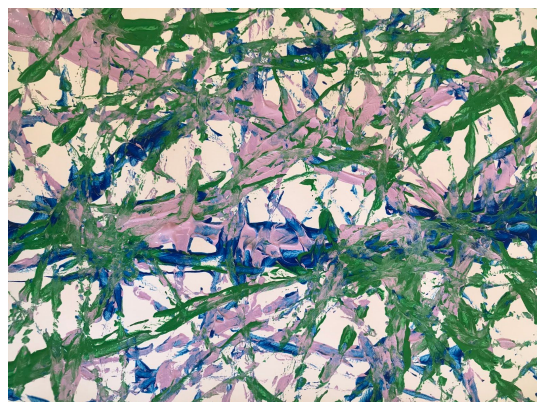
Create an abstract impressionist inspired artwork with the element of movement.

Materials needed:

- Cardboard box or tray with a tall sides
- Paper
- Tape
- 3 colors of paint
- Bowls or cups and spoons
- 3 marbles or other small balls

Instructions:

- Tape a piece of paper to the bottom of your tray or box.
- Put a bit of each color paint into a bowl.
- Dip your marbles into the paint - one ball for each color. Make sure they are fully coated on each side.
- Spoon one of your marbles into your tray and rock the tray in different ways so the ball rolls across your paper in different directions. Put your marble back and repeat with another color. Keep repeating until you are satisfied with your composition.



No Mess Paint Mixing

Create some secondary colors by mixing paint inside a plastic bag.



Materials needed:

- Ziploc bag
- Two colors of paint (preferably primary, but any will do)
- Painters or packaging tape
- White piece of paper

Instructions:

- Put two colors of paint inside the plastic bag, one on each side.
- Get all the air you can out of the bag as you close it. Put a piece of white paper under the bag and cover the closure with tape as you tape the bag to the table. (You can also do this without the paper but taped to a window instead as a fun alternative.) You may prefer to tape all sides of the bag down so it stays in place.
- Have fun mixing the colors through the bag. After they are mixed, the bag can serve as a surface for finger drawing or practicing letters.