

Marble painting

Exploring and Using Media and Materials

Learning objectives

- To combine different media to create new effects
- To manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect
- To use and explore a new technique, experimenting with colour and design

What to do

Art activity

- Put a piece of white paper on a baking tray.
- Put two or three different paint colours in paper or foil dishes. Put a marble into each colour.
- Carefully take out the marbles one by one and place them on the white paper. See if the children can pick up the marbles with kitchen tongs.
- Ask the children to tilt the tray backwards, forwards and sideways to make a swirling pattern. Carefully remove the marbles with the kitchen tongs.

Extension/variation

- Be a shaker maker. Ask the children to measure out a small quantity of dry beans, peas or rice and to pour them into clean plastic containers and secure the lid firmly with sticky tape. Ask the children to slide the instruments from side to side, then shake them up and down, and listen to the different sounds.

Topic

Toys

Resources

- White paper
- Baking tray
- Paper or foil dishes
- Marbles
- Paints
- Kitchen tongs
- Dry beans, peas or rice
- Plastic containers with lids
- Sticky tape

