

# Paper Towel Art



..... *Structured Play* .....

**It is an activity that is outcome-based and usually adult-directed**

VS.

..... *Unstructured* .....

**Is an activity that is led by the child and having fun experiencing the activity**

## PLAY TIPS

Play that is unstructured, expressive and exploratory supports all areas of the child's development - this provides a foundation for later academic success.

**Open-ended questions:** Ask questions so children can describe and think about what they are doing. The questions we ask will help them approach, plan, and extend their ideas.

**Assessing feelings:** How do you think...feels?

**Making predictions:** What will happen next? Why did that happen?

**Extend on thinking:** What would happen if there were..?

**Solving problems:** What can you do about it?

**Evaluate:** What made you decide...

**Don't expect a specific answer:**

If you ask your child a question, try not expect the "right" answer. E.g. "what colour is the sun" if the answer is "orange," you can continue questioning by asking, "why do you say that."

**Check out this link below for "magic egg literacy activity."**



## You are Your Child's First Teacher

You play a crucial role in shaping your child's attitude towards learning at home and school.

These activities are intended to bring learning through play at home and inspire you with new ideas. When we provide space and time for our children to build, create and explore - you are helping them achieve and to thrive in their learning.

## Paper Towel Art Set up at Home



### What you will need for this activity:

- Paper Towel (bounty is most absorbent)
- Sharpies - can be used as an accent since it doesn't spread like washable markers
- Washable markers
- Tray
- Droppers

### Activity Instructions:

- Place the paper towel on the tray.
- Allow the child to transfer colours to their paper towel using the pattern design in the paper towel or using the colours freely to create
- Allow the child to use the dropper (you can consider other items from the list below) to place drops over the colours carefully. During this part of the process, the parent/caregiver can observe and discuss colour mixing and absorption.
- A hairdryer can be used to speed up the drying process if necessary.

## Paper Towel Art supports development and learning in many areas.

### Social and Emotional:

Art lets children feel proud of their creations. Scribbling, squeezing, painting, cutting, gluing are great outlets for releasing emotional energy and working through emotions that stir us up.

Art allows children to share with others what they are making and how. Ask your child questions so they can describe, think and problem solve. Invite siblings or a friend to create alongside as an opportunity to teach cooperation and sharing.

### Creativity and Imagination:

Activities like paper towel art let children express ideas. When you add open-ended items to the mix, children use their imagination to create and explore new ideas. By providing different objects to the mix, it will naturally lead to playing, discovering, finding patterns and engaging in play in a whole new way.

### Fine and Gross motor skills :

When children manipulate small objects like droppers, they also gain strength and improve dexterity in their hands and fingers, critical areas of physical development for writing, drawing, eating, getting dressed etc.

### Language/literacy development:

Art and creative play help children build their vocabulary, learn new words, and express their thoughts and ideas. Children use language to invent stories about their creations. You may notice your child using ideas from books you've read together or adventures your family has been on.