

Sidewalk Paint

Learning Value:

This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to use their hands and fingers to explore and interact with the environment.

Materials Needed:

- ▶ Paint brush, Q-tips, nature (leaves, twigs, sticks)
- ▶ Muffin tin
- ▶ Sidewalk Paint ingredients:
 - ▶ Cornstarch 1 cup
 - ▶ Water 1 cup
 - ▶ Food coloring - assorted colors



Participants:

This activity does require 5 to 10 minutes of prep time that your child can help with. Parent interaction is not required for painting but supervision is suggested.

Directions:

Step 1: Gather the ingredients and make the sidewalk paint with your child. Mix cornstarch and water in a bowl. Divide mixture out into muffin tins. Use one section for each color you want to make. Add one drop of food coloring to each section and mix.

Step 2: Take the paints and brushes/other items outside.

Step 3: Encourage your child to paint the sidewalk.