



TRY IT AT HOME: Fingerprint Art

Objectives

Kids will explore a new way to make art by using their fingertips as tools to create a neat image!

Principle of Humanism Supported by Lesson

- ★ *We are committed to the arts as a form of human expression.*
- ★ *We strive to experience life and develop as individuals.*
- ★ *We work to learn about and from both personal and world histories.*

Materials Needed

- Washable paint
- Paper plate (or other vessel to hold paint)
- Water

Differentiation for Age Groups

Primarily geared towards middle aged (ages 11-13) campers.

Youngest (ages 8-11): may require adult assistance

Middle (Ages 11-13): can be done as an individual activity

Oldest (Ages 14-17): can facilitate this activity for younger siblings, neighbors, etc.

Activity Instructions

1. Pick out several colors of paint and put dollops of each on a paper plate or other vessel
2. Dip you finger in a color, and make a dot using the tip of your finger like a fingerprint
3. Make many dots that form an image

Exploration

- How many different shapes can you make using your fingerprints?
- Try making animals using just one fingerprint and then make the same ones using many fingerprints – how are they different?

Discussion

1. Have you tried other techniques similar to this? How was this one different?

Additional Resources

Try searching for 'fingerprint art' on Google or in a book in your library for some cool ideas!