

Awash in Colour

Brighten up the world around you with your own here-today, gone-tomorrow pictures.

Rock 'n' Colour

1. Mix a few drops of food colouring into a bowl of water to make a bright shade.
2. Choose a large rock to adorn with your art.
3. Use a paintbrush, a twig or your finger to paint your design. (See following activity to make your own paintbrush.)

Make your Own Paintbrushes

You'll Need

- twigs (for the handles)
- raffia or string
- rubber bands
- bristles from a variety of trees (pine, spruce, cedar)

1. Gather a bunch of bristles into a neat brush shape.
2. Use a rubber band to fasten them to the end of a twig handle.
3. Tuck one end of the string under the rubber band to hold it in place. Wrap the string or raffia around the rubber band to hide. Cut and tuck the loose end underneath to fasten in place.

Different types of needles or bristles will give you different paint textures and effects!

TAKE NOTE!

Make your own fancy writing tools using the same technique. Rubber band a feather to your pen or pencil, wrap with pretty coloured string and you're flying high.



Fizzing Fun

Get permission to decorate your sidewalk or fence with this easy-to-make, washable paint. When your artwork is done, the fun has only just begun! A “secret ingredient” will make your painting bubble and fizz for even more magic.

You'll Need

- paintbrushes
- empty containers (one for each paint colour; recycled yogourt or sour cream tubs work well)
- baking soda
- cornstarch
- water
- washable, water-based (make sure!) paints

For the fizz:

- vinegar
- empty spray bottle

1. Put 60 g (1/4 cup) of baking soda in each tub.
2. Add 120 g (1/2 cup) of cornstarch to each tub.
3. Add 250 mL (1 cup) of water to each tub.
4. Mix all ingredients thoroughly so there are no remaining lumps.
5. Add 15 mL (1 tbsp.) of paint to each tub and mix well (use a paintbrush or stick).

You're ready to paint! Make sure you have an adult's permission for the surfaces you want to decorate, and paint away.

While your designs are drying, put the vinegar into a clean spray bottle. To make your fine art fizz, simply point and spritz!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The vinegar reacts with the baking soda to produce carbon dioxide gas, the same stuff that adds the bubbles to soda pop.