



# Corn Cob Painting

## Ages 1 year to 2 years

**Objective:** The child uses tactile awareness and hand-eye coordination to paint with corn cobs.

**Materials needed:**

DO NOT DO THIS ACTIVITY IF YOUR INFANT IS ALLERGIC TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING-OR USE SUBSTITUTE MATERIALS

White sheet of paper

Corn cobs (1 or 2 is enough)

**Paint Mixture:** Water and baby oatmeal. Mix together (slightly thick in consistency), add in 1 very small drop of yellow food coloring, & stir all.

**OR-Mustard:** Use as paint only if child is not allergic to mustard.

**Procedures:**

1. Sit with your child in their highchair for this activity wearing old clothes or go shirtless; for this activity may get messy! Do in an easily cleanable area, such as the tiled floor or kitchen.
2. Put the white sheet of paper and one corn on the cob in front of your child on the tray.
3. Put a spoonful of oatmeal paint mixture, or mustard, on top of the paper.



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4. Model what you want your child to do. Show them how you can use your hands to roll the corn cob back and forth through the paint on the paper, making "corn track marks."

5. Allow your child to do and watch as they learn. You will need to help their hands to roll the corn cobs as necessary to teach how to control their motor skills in order to paint with the corn.

6. Your child may try to eat this! If they do put it in their mouth, it is okay, its food, no harm no foul! Always make sure your child is not allergic to any of the ingredients in the paint, corn, or mustard. Caution: only use one very small drop of yellow food coloring when making paint mixture. If you do not trust food coloring, let child paint it with just water and oatmeal mixture with no color, or you can use mustard as a paint if your child is not allergic.

### **Milestones to meet:**

The child uses their hands to build fine-motor development through painting. The child builds hand-eye coordination to roll a corn cob through paint.

### **Evaluation:**

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?