



Leaf Print Paintings

Ages 2 years to 3 years

Objective: The child uses fine-motor and visual creativity skills through painting leaves.

Materials needed:

1 skinny paint brush

Green, Brown, Yellow, and Red finger paints

1 paper plate

Leaf cutouts (print from resources page)

Small cup with a little amount of water in it for child to "rinse off" their brush while painting

Procedures:

1. Have your child sit at a small kid-friendly table.
2. Before hand, cut the leafs out individually from the sheet.
3. Add small amounts of the paint colors to paper plate. Give your child the paint brush.
4. On the table, tape down white paper or foil to protect the table. Put the leaf cutouts on top of table "protectant paper or foil."
5. Let your child use the brush to paint on the leaves. Encourage to "rinse off" their brush when choosing to paint with different colors.



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Help as necessary.

Optional: Let the leaves dry completely after your child has finished painting them. Tape up in the window for "fall decorations" or for your child to visually look at their artwork when completed.

Milestones to meet:

The child can hold a paint brush and paint with it. The child builds fine-motor skills and hand-eye coordination through painting. The child can recognize and say the name of colors red, yellow, brown, and green. The child can say the word "leaf."

Evaluation:

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