

1-2-3! Play With Me At Home!

Art Exploration Activity: Wet and Dry Paint Exploration

Supplies

- Dry tempera paint in red, yellow and blue (please note that this paint can stain surfaces)
- 1 piece of construction paper
- 3 cotton balls
- 1 pipette
- Water
- Larger bowls for working with your paint (optional)
- Willingness and space for appropriate mess making

Instructions

- 1. Carefully open paint containers.
- 2. Using cotton balls, dip into the dry paint, then dab it onto dry paper.
- 3. Using the pipette, practice squeezing fingers together to pick up, releasing to hold water, then squeezing again with hand far above the paper to create great splats of water into the paint. (Alternate option: If you do this on a rainy day, you can take it outside and let the rain do the work!)



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- 4. Marvel at your discoveries!
- 5. Allow to dry, and display in a place of honor.

Here are some questions you can ask your child as you're working on your artwork:

- What colors do you see?
- What do you think will happen when we add water?
- What color do you like best?
- How did it feel to squeeze the pipette?
- Do you like the feeling of the cotton ball in your hand? Can you describe how it felt?

