



Moon Painting

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AGE GROUP



3-5 years



6-12 years



Multiage

HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

Curiosity Spark - How many moons do we have? Does the moon change shape?

- Together with the children mix the flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl – slowly begin adding your water and mix until you end up with a thin paste (it will be a little grainy – that is fine).
- Add a drop or two of food colouring then mix to a grey colour (optional).
- Use brushes or hands to spread the puffy paint all over the moons then press small lids or cotton reels into the mix to make craters. Children can also just use fingers to poke some holes if you prefer!
- When children are happy with their moon surface place in the microwave cook for up to 25-30 seconds.
- Watch closely and take out when the paint begins to puff – you will see that the craters have also become more noticeable!

EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Use clay on paper plates instead of paint to create mini-moon surfaces. Provide natural or other open-ended materials for children to press into the surface of the clay.
- Set out clay (or playdough) and laminated moon phase cards from the printable pack. Who can copy their moon phase using their clay?
- Add kinetic sand to a shallow tray and lots of small pebbles for children to press into the sand and make patterns.

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- 1/2 Cup Plain Flour (or you can use Self Raising flour but omit the baking powder)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder (not Bi carb soda)
- 2 teaspoons table salt
- Recycled thick cardboard cut into moon circles (or paper plates).
- Black Food colouring (optional)
- Enough water to mix to a thin paste consistency – start with a few teaspoons and go from there.
- Paintbrushes and a few teaspoons



Exploring & using my senses



Challenging my fine motor muscles