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Foam Paint Bottles



Explore a range of fun sensory experiences with colorful and exciting Foam Paint! Our specially designed bottles allow you to mix up a simple recipe for foam paint and create beautiful sensory art. This sensory medium is great for engaging early childhood and special needs classrooms. Foam paint not only looks beautiful but feels luscious to the touch and has a great scent! Your students will make dozens of beautiful sensory art prints in no time.

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In this guide:

- Mix up our special homemade Foam Paint recipes
- Create a variety of fun sensory art with Foam Paint Bottles
- Make your own foam paint sensory lesson plans
- Incorporate fine motor exercise using sensory materials

Foam Fun

Our Foam Paint Bottles are designed to produce the coolest painting effect you've ever tried! The bottles are made of two main parts: the pump dispenser and the base. The Foam Paint Bottles have special pump dispensing action to give your students an extra level of sensory exercise. Pour the foam paint recipe into the base and screw on the pump dispenser. Make sure that the bottom ridge of the pump is aligned with the lock so that the pump depresses easily. As you press the pump down, it will squirt out a dollop of colorful foam.



We've experimented with many different types of materials to achieve the best recipe for foam paint! Our recipe is as follows:

- 2½ tablespoons dish soap
- ½ teaspoon warm water
- ½ teaspoon watercolor (concentrated color)
- ½ teaspoon glycerin

You can find glycerin at any pharmacy or department store near you. Glycerin is the main ingredient in many different types of soaps and helps to create the "smooth" feeling you get from



washing your hands with certain kinds of soap. It acts like a moisturizer and is used in a variety of other personal care products, such as creams, gels and shampoos.

Most craft stores sell a concentrated watercolor paint set you can use to color your foam paint. Otherwise, use a bit of food coloring to give your foam paint a bold tint.

A little foam paint goes a long way. Our formula looks very small in the bottle, but it will produce an excellent volume of foam. If you have mixture left over in the bottle after your painting session simply twist the nozzle to lock it, then store in a cool dry location for up to a month.



Try a selection of different paints. If you use thicker paint, add more water. If the pump becomes clogged, rinse it out and add more water to your paint mixture. Pour all of the ingredients directly into the bottle and swish to combine. Press down on the nozzle to turn the liquid mixture into a foamy substance that your students will love to play and paint with!



Curriculum Connections

- Develop fine motor skills
- Invigorate multi-sensory learning
- Use for sensory activities such as finger painting
- Blend colors together to make new colors
- Explore alternative painting techniques
- Create new painting experiences
- Make art prints
- Use multiple tools to create different effects

Foam Art

Bring your finger painting to a whole new level with amazing foam paint! The best part about your foam paint creations is that the material not only engages tactile senses, but is visually nice to look at and smells great, too. We've compiled a list of great project ideas that you can use to make your own amazing foam paint art.

Prepare your workspace. Set up your students' workstations with our hardy R7512 Finger Paint "No Mess" Trays or use simple vinyl tablecloths or newspapers to cover the working surfaces. Place 2 or 3 different colors of foam paint onto the table for your students to use. Once your students have finished their projects, you can wrap up and discard the newspapers/tablecloth or wipe down the tray with all-purpose cleaner.

Try out some of the following project ideas!

Take your Art Outdoors!

Set up your students' workstations outside on the grass or on a picnic table. You can leave the workstations with the fingerpainting sheets outside in the sun to help warm up the materials. That way, when students go to paint, they will feel how nice and warm the foam paint is on their hands! Encourage students to focus on the feeling of the foam on their hands and how it looks like when they swirl the colors around.

Paint with Floppy Foam Brushes

Our R5320 Floppy Foam Brushes are made of bristled foam panels that can be adjusted to different sizes. Wrap the foam panels around a block or cardboard tube and secure with an elastic band. Students who are fingerpaint-shy can use the Foam Brushes in place of their fingers. Manipulate the foam brushes across the paper. Twist the foam brushes to make spirals or dab onto paper to make spots. Once you are finished brushing the foam paint across the sheet of paper.

Paint on Easels

Tack up a sheet of fingerpaint paper onto a standing easel. Easels provide students with a new perspective on painting with alternative materials. Most of the time, children have to draw or paint on a flat surface that is directly below them so they must strain their necks and sit in order to work on their art. When students work on an easel, they are standing and they are at eye-level with their art. You can even take the easels outside for a breath of fresh air and make some fresh, foamy art! Suggest to students that they use the different foam colors to paint what they see outside.

Make Prints

Dispense the foam onto the R7512 Finger Paint "No Mess" Trays™. Move your hands through the foam paint solution and mix the colors together. Create different types of swirls, peaks and waves in the foam paint art. Once you are happy with the way the foam paint is arranged on the canvas, grab a large card sheet of paper and lightly press down onto the foam paint. Make sure that you don't press all the way into the foam paint or it will flatten out the design. Remove the sheet of paper from the foam paint to see your special print!

Leave the prints to dry for about a day or two. Once the foam dries, it leaves behind colors. This is why it's a good idea to mix up the colors just enough so that you can see the differences between the colors. Try not to mix the colors excessively so they don't over-blend.

Paint on Different Types of Paper

Experiment with the look of your foam paint artwork using different types of paper! You can talk about the effects of absorption, or how much of the paint gets absorbed into the paper. Try different paper materials such as card paper, construction paper, fingerpaint paper, watercolor paper and so on. Leave the paper to dry overnight and compare the differences between each of them. You can ask students to guess beforehand which paper will best allow the foam paint print to be captured. Compare their answers to the final prints after they have dried.

Create New Effects with our Traditional Paint Scrapers

Dispense the foam paint onto a sheet of paper. Give your students a paint scraper! Paint scrapers have ridges on the bottom to create interesting lines when dragged across the paint. Our R5451 Paint Scrapers are great for experimenting with lines. Each paint scraper produces a different type of groove. Some are thin lines, while others produce thicker lines. Drag the scraper across the surface of the foam paint. Swirl the paint scrapers or create patterns. You can also try our R54560 Animal Paint Scrapers! These scrapers are designed to look like animal paws and claws that have different groove shapes to make different effects.

Goo Spreaders Fun

Try our R5725 Goo Spreaders with the foam paint! These spreaders have grip handles and a flat edge to spread material such as paint or glue across your canvas. You can create nice thick lines with the spreaders. In addition, you can experiment with our R57015 Goo Spreaders, which come in 4 different groove styles for a variety of paint scraping techniques.

Try out the different spreaders with the foam paint. Draw an entire scene using the paint scrapers. When you are finished the illustration, make a print of it!

Illustrate a Scene

This is a great way to use foam paint. Instead of focusing on the sensory appeal of the paint, take a directed approach and make a picture out of the foam paint. You can illustrate a scene in the sky using blue foam paint. Use the tip of your finger to draw a plane, hot air balloon or birds that fly. Alternatively, use green paint to illustrate grass and draw some animals that may live on the ground. Make a print of your illustration!

Make a Surprise Art Piece out of Colored Art Paper

You can make this a simpler project by using colored construction paper. Alternatively, give students a sheet of card paper and ask them to color in the entire sheet with a range of colors. Use markers or crayons. Make sure you leave none of the blank card visible. When you have finished, place the paper into a paint tray or tape down the sides to your workspace. Dispense the foam paint on top and swirl the paint over the sheet.

When you have covered the entire sheet, use your fingers to scrape away the paint to reveal the colors underneath! Write the alphabet into the foam paint. Drag all your fingers across the sheet to make interesting textures in the foam.

Explore colorful foam paint on the Light Cube

Our R59601 Educational Light Cube is a wonderful resource for turning ordinary learning into extraordinary experiences! You can use the foam paint on top of a light box or light table to add an intriguing effect to your painting. The R59601 Educational Light Cube is great for multiple color changing light effects. You can place the foam paint directly onto the Light Cube because it has a washable surface but for easier clean up, use a clear plastic tray. As children are working with the foam paint, turn on the Light Cube and cycle through the light colors.

Alternatively, place a sheet of paper on top of the Light

Cube and spread your foam paint on top to make a print. Try different paint colors on the Light Cube to see if they change color with the light below it or if the light illuminates through the foam paint.

Set the Light Cube to the dark blue light for a glowy, black-light effect. This will help make the foam paint colors more vibrant and exciting to work with. Drag your finger across the foam paint. Draw the letters of the alphabet, or make simple illustrations such as shapes or scenery.

Make marbled paint

As soon as you've created a beautiful masterpiece with the foam paint, make a print to ensure it lasts a long time! You can make several prints of the marbled paint to see how it changes as the foam paint is lifted up off the paper.

To make a marbled print, dispense the foam paint onto a paint tray. Use the blunt end of a paint scraper or a ruler to smooth out the foam paint. Dispense a different color of foam paint to create a second layer of foam paint. Drop the second foam paint color as dots across the first layer of foam paint. Take a Popsicle stick or dowel and dip into the foam paint just in front of the dots. Drag the stick by the thin edge across the foam paint to create a marbled effect in the paint.

Alternatively, you can use drops of food coloring or watercolor and drop it randomly throughout the first layer of the foam paint. Drag the stick across the foam paint to swirl the colors together.

Press a sheet of card stock onto the marbled foam paint and make a print of your work!

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