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Age 4 and up

Paint Pipettes

Paint Pipettes are an exciting tool to add to your paint centre! Here are some fun ideas to get you started:

- Use pipettes with water colours or tempera paint thinned with water. Tip: Use a clean pipette to add small amounts of water at a time.
- Use pipettes for blow art activities. Drip paint on paper and blow on them through a straw. Tip: Note colour changes when you blow several colours into each other.
- Try smear painting. Fold a sheet of paper in half, open and drop blobs of paint near the crease. Re-fold paper and smear paint blobs with your finger tips. Open to reveal your creation. Tip: Pre-cut the paper into an interesting shape, such as a butterfly, donut or diamond.
- Write your name! Fill a pipette with paint and squeeze slowly as you spell your name on paper. Tip: Keep the pipette in continuous contact with the paper, as though you were holding a pen or crayon.
- Add fine detail to paintings and other art projects.
- Observe colour changes as you squeeze two or more colours into one pipette.
- Mix up a pail of clear gelatin and use pipettes to experiment with colour.

You will need: 24 cups of cold water
32 envelopes of Knox® Gelatin
large pot and spoon
large pail or bowl

Method: Sprinkle and stir gelatin mix into water. Heat until clear. Pour into pail. When set, slip a knife or ruler around the edges to loosen, turn pail over and plop out gelatin mold onto a fingerpaint tray or baking sheet (for easy clean up). Push pipettes filled with thin paint or food coloring into gelatin and squeeze.

- Create drippy paintings. Hang large sheets of paper outside on a fence or on easels. Squirt thinned paint onto the paper and watch as colours drip down and blend.
- Try some coffee filter art. Mix a drop of food colouring with water. Use a pipette to put small dots of colour onto the filter. Use several colours for a beautiful effect.
- Include pipettes in various areas around your classroom. Throw some into the water table, add some to your science centers or kitchen area.
- Squeeze pipettes into a cup of soapy water to clean them. Rinse in clean water and air dry.

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