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Junior Goo Spreaders



Revitalize painting and gluing projects with our beautiful new Goo Spreaders! Featured in four bright colors, these spreaders are a great value for your classroom. Each spreader is topped with a fun icon. Choose a star, heart, butterfly or smiley face! The spreaders are designed with special grooves that create different effects when dragged through thick paint. Check out some fine motor exercises and top it all off with an exciting painting project in the guide.

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In this guide:

- Use the Junior Goo Spreaders in special projects
- Develop fine motor skills with finger exercises

Goo Crazy!

Goo Spreaders are great tools for painting and gluing. Each Goo Spreader is about 3¼" (8 cm) long. The Goo Spreaders are topped with special icons on which young children can grip while using the spreaders. The icons are rounded at the tops to make holding onto them more comfortable.

Rest the tips of your fingers near the base of the spreaders. To help children form a pinch grip, encourage them to hold the spreader using the divet and bump near the end of the spreader. There is a glue and paint guard that serves as a barrier against dripping glue or paint that can slide down the Goo Spreaders when held upside down.

The bottoms of the Goo Spreaders feature four different groove patterns. Use these patterns to give paint projects interesting texture or to apply an even amount of glue to paper.

Experiment with the Goo Spreaders to scrape different textures into paint and glue!

Curriculum Connections

- Develop fine motor skills
- Spread glue for collage projects
- Use for sensory activities such as finger painting
- Engage children with colorful spreaders
- Explore different spreader grooves

Fine Motor Exercises

The Junior Goo Spreaders are designed to provide your students with a tool for creating interesting art projects with textured scraping and spreading. However, students gain additional skills in fine motor exercising. Learning to use the Goo Spreaders will allow students to learn how to effectively hold other hand tools such as pens and pencils, crayons, markers and paintbrushes.

The muscles in your hand control the movements of each finger. When children are young, these muscles aren't fully developed. This causes children to use all their fingers at once (their whole hand) for grasping rather than using their individual fingers. If this is left unchecked, it can cause issues with the ways that children learn to write or use their fingers for other precise tasks. Encourage students to experiment with different precision exercises to help build control over these fine muscles and prepare them to progress to more complex motions.

In order to help your students gain precision with their fine motor skills, ask them to go through a few of these exercises before they attempt to use the Junior Goo Spreaders.

- Play with play-dough! Play-dough is a great manipulative tool that encourages students to pull it apart, squish it together and twist it into different shapes. The more children manipulate the dough, the more they are able to build those fine motor muscles. Plus, it's fun to create with dough!

- Fill a bucket with favorite toys such as action figures or blocks. Give your students a pair of tongs and ask them to pick up the toys with the tongs. Squeeze the middle of the tongs to close the gap between the two gripping ends and pick up the toys. This will help kickstart those larger hand muscles while training students on how to use tongs. Once students are comfortable with tongs, progress to tweezers! Pick out smaller objects from the bucket using tweezers. Use your forefinger and thumbs to squeeze the tweezers ends together. This motion causes children to use two fingers instead of their entire hands to pick up objects.

- Use our R35050 Sorting Trays with beads or buttons to encourage fine motor development. There are 3 different tray designs for children to explore. As they pick up the different buttons or beads and sort them into the Sorting Trays, children will learn to develop their fine motor skills through precise movement.

- Grab a Junior Goo Spreader between the thumb and forefinger. Press the grooved end of the Goo Spreader into a ball of clay. Try to flatten the ball using only the Goo Spreader. This exercise will engage children to use the Goo Spreader for a specific action while using strength from the arm muscles to apply pressure onto the clay.

Spread Paint and Collage with Glue

Here are some great ideas for using the Junior Goo Spreaders!

Some students don't like the feeling of getting their fingers messy and shy away from finger painting. While finger painting does engage fine motor skills, it can be difficult to engage students with materials they don't want to use. Instead, provide your less-mess students with Junior Goo Spreaders to spread paint across a sheet of paper! You can drop dollops of paint onto various parts of the paper and ask your students to use their Goo Spreaders to manipulate the paint and illustrate a scene.

Make a surprise crayon illustration! Color an entire sheet of paper with a variety of crayon colors. Section off parts of the paper to color in. Press the crayon firmly into the paper to get vibrant colors. Once you are finished, use a foam paint roller to roll dark tempera paint across the entire crayon sheet. Use paint colors like blue, purple, black or dark green. Scrape away sections of the wet paint from the sheet using the Goo Spreaders. Once you have enough of the colors showing through, leave the artwork to dry overnight.

Goo Spreaders to add a new level of interest to your painting and gluing activities! Experiment with the different grooves and make a variety of textures in your artwork while simultaneously developing fine motor skills.

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