

Expressive Art and Design Activities

String Painting

You will need:

- *String
- *Scissors
- *Paint
- *Paper



Cut the string into short lengths and fill up pots with various colours of paint. Demonstrate how to place the string into the paint and then painting with it, show your child you can drag the string along the paper to leave marks or dab the string on the paper to create patterns. See if they can copy this? Or can they find new ways of using the string to paint with?

Toilet Roll Hairdressing



You will need:

- *Toilet Rolls
- *Scissors
- *Pens
- *String/pipe cleaners

Ask your child if they can draw some faces on the toilet rolls.

Demonstrate using the scissors safely and cut down the top of the toilet roll in strips to make it look like hair.

Ask your child to have a go, see if they cut use the scissors appropriately and safely. Can they make some hair on the toilet roll?

Younger children could use string, and pipe cleaners and stick them on the toilet roll to create hair.

Colour Mixing

You will need:

*Paper plates

*Selection of paints

*Paint brushes

On each paper plate squeeze out 2 or 3 different coloured paints in separate areas.

Before you start ask your child if they know what will happen if you mix the colours.

If they know it will change colour, can they predict what colour it will change to?

Let your child have a go at mixing the colours together. Was their prediction correct?

Mark-making with different objects

Items you can use:

- *Potato masher
- *Rolling pin covered in bubble wrap
- *Comb
- *Cotton buds
- * Fly swatter
- *Pegs and cotton wool



Talk about what each of these items is used for. Does your child know?

Demonstrate how you can use each of these objects to mark-make with and let your child experiment with mark making with these and let them observe how they can make different patterns when using them.