



Window Finger Painting: Engage your senses as you play with light and color in this mess free way to fingerprint!

Materials:

- Paint
- Clear plastic resealable gallon bag
- Tape
- Spoon
- Window

Try it!

- Make a paint bag: Fill a ziplock bag with 2-3 scoops of paint. Any thick paint will do, but we recommend a “finger paint” that has a thicker consistency.
- Make a variety of bags. You can make some bags with just a single color, or you can add 2-3 colors per bag to see how they mix.
- Release all of the air out of the bag and seal the opening. Tape all 4 edges to reinforce the bags.
- Tape the bags onto a sunny window.
- Encourage your child to touch the bags and “fingerprint.”

Guiding Questions:

- What did you notice when you used your fingertip to draw? Does it look the same as when you draw with your fist?
- What happened when the 2 colors mixed? What new color did it make?
- Does the paint look different when you “paint” on the table vs “painting in the window?”

Learning Behind the Play

- Sensory activities such as this help to boost self-confidence by allowing children to make their own decisions on how to explore the material.
- Encourages children to experiment with how to create different types of lines, shapes and colors
- Develops and strengthens children’s small finger muscles, which is important for writing

Take It Further

Make your own light box to use at home! Line all sides of a clear plastic container with tissue paper, making sure to use tape to secure the tissue paper to the container. Place a string of white LED lights inside the box, spreading it around evenly. Pull enough of the plug and cord out of the box to reach an outlet. Secure the lid and now you have your very own lightbox!