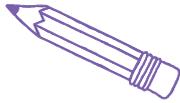


ACTIVITY TIME

Monthly Featured Stories Program



Theme: Exploring Colours

Book Title: MIX IT UP!

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Mix It Up Yourself!

You will need:

- Red, yellow and blue paint
- Paint mixing tray (a large plate or some ice-cream container lids)
- Large sheets of paper (A3 is a good size)
- Paintbrushes (or fingers).



**Adult supervision is essential.
Involve and talk with your
child as much as possible.**

Instructions:

1. Talk with your child about how the 3 Primary colours, Red, Yellow and Blue, can make lots of other colours as you squeeze some of each colour onto your paint mixing tray.
2. Ask your child what colour they might get if they mix Yellow and Blue. Use your paintbrush (or fingers) to mix some Yellow and Blue and show how it makes Green.
3. Continue to guess what colours you can make together by mixing Blue and Red to make Purple, and also, Red and Yellow to make Orange. Clean your brush or fingers with water between mixing colours – if you mix all the colours together you'll have Brown.
4. Put a splodge of yellow on one side of the paper, and a splodge of blue paint on the other side and squash the side of paper together. Open it up to see what colour you have made (it should be green).
5. You can also use lots of colours and paint on one side of your paper. Then fold it down the middle and squash the sides of paper together to make a pattern. Some may look like a butterfly. What will your splodge make? Maybe a monster or a flower?

Further ideas

Introduce White paint to make colours lighter, and Black paint to make colours darker.

What colours do you see every day? A yellow bus, a red stop sign, the blue sky. Play "I Spy" but use colours instead of the alphabet (for eg, "I spy with my little eye something that is red..."). This is a great guessing game for kids who can't spell yet.

Song:

The Colour Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWogqwbHyxk>

Key Message:

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