



TIN CAN ROLLER PAINTING

Materials you need:

- Clean empty tins (ensure no sharp rims). Ask the children to collect and bring in some clean tins from home.
- Thick twine or string.
- Craft paints
- Cornflour paint colours or acrylic craft paints on flat trays (ice cream container lids work well!)
- Large sheets of cardboard or paper from the recycle box
- Paintbrushes
- Bucket of water close by for those children that feel challenged by having their hands in the paint and need to wash regularly.

Setup for play:

- Wrap some thick string around the tin cans and secure with a little duct tape.
- Add the paint to the flat trays and show the children how to roll the cans in the paint before rolling onto their paper to make some interesting patterns.
- When finished pass out some brushes and let them finish painting their cans as well!



What are they learning with this activity?

As they roll and paint the children are learning to:

- Use descriptive language to describe textures, materials and actions.
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and demonstrate spatial awareness
- Manipulate objects to explore motion, cause and effect
- Strengthen fine motor muscles and control
- Express themselves creatively while investigating and experimenting
- Create with different mediums and textures
- Identify, name and mix colours
- Turn old things that were headed for the trash into something useful again
- Challenge their sense of touch and sensory processing

Extending the play:

- Provide just the twine/string and ask the children what else they could wrap it around to make different patterns on the paper.
- When the children have finished painting the tin cans use them to plant some succulents in for everyone to take home.

