



ROLLER PAINTING BANDS

Materials you need:

- 2 x real paint rollers (the larger house paint ones)
- Smaller craft sponge rollers
- A packet of elastic hairbands, a few scrunchies, a roll of twine.
- Cornflour paint colours or acrylic craft paints
- Trays for the paint (big enough to fit the rollers in easily)
- Large sheets of cardboard or paper from the recycle box.

Setup for play:

- Stretch some of the bands around the paint roller sponges.
- Add paints to trays and paper or cardboard to the table -tape it down.
- Show the children how to roll in the paint tray then onto the paper to see what patterns they can make.
- Try using some of the rollers with twine or scrunchies instead of the bands to see how the paint patterns change.

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
- Recognise the contributions they make to shared projects and experiences
- Identify, name and mix colours

Extending the play:

- Try taping the paper or card to a wall or other vertical surface so the children need to use different muscles and coordination skills to paint.
- Add roller brushes to a painter's prop box, add a few buckets of water and old paint shirts then let the children paint the walls and house with water.
- Use different materials as the paint roller – loofahs are easy for little hands to roll and if you then turn them around and stamp the ends you end up with some interesting prints.