



DOLLY FACEPAINT FUN

Materials you need:

- Washable paint – I use acrylic paints (You could do this with proper face painting materials to of course but I like to keep activities budget friendly and easy to clean!
- Assortment of different sized brushes (so they can see what works better – thick or thin and why!
- Water – A container of water to clean brushes as they work. I also like to set up a tub with water and bubbles for washing creations off ready to start again!
- Dolls – A doll that you can prop or sit up with a larger facial area is perfect.
- Small Perspex mirrors or circles (if you have them – optional)

Setup for play:

- Put some effort into creating an inviting facepainting station - add a tablecloth and set up your brushes, paints and dolls just like a real one! You might want to do a couple of stations if you have a large group.
- Show them how to wash their brushes in the water to then dip into another colour and what happens to the colours if they don't.
- Explore the different patterns and marks that using the thick or thin brushes make. Does it make the facepainting harder or easier?
- Take photos of the facepaint creations and then set up a display together to show off their work.
- Use the mirrors to show dolly their facepainting (and look at themselves!)

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What are they learning with this activity?

As the children paint faces they are learning to:

- Use their sense of touch, sight and smell to make choices and create
- Use descriptive language and become independent communicators
- Work together in a group with others
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and demonstrate spatial awareness
- Manipulate equipment and real life tools with increasing competence
- Strengthen fine motor muscles and control
- Use their play to imagine and explore ideas
- Persist even when they find the task difficult
- Create with different mediums and textures
- Problem solve and make decisions
- Use their imagination to explore real life events

Extending the play:

- Use cornflour paints and edicol dyes set up in small containers and take turns painting each other's faces.
- Talk about parts of the face and how they are different.
- Take photos of eyes and noses, print out and play a match the facial feature to the person game together.
- Use the paints to look into the mirrors and paint a self portrait on the mirror.

