



CREPE PAPER STAMPING

Materials you need:

- 1 x packet coloured crepe paper (or tissue paper but you will need the brighter colours)
- White paper or cardboard

Setup for play:

- Sit down with the toddlers and older babies and show them how to tear off smaller pieces from the large crepe paper sheet then scrunch it into a rough ball with their hands.
- Lay paper or cardboard sheets out on the ground for easy access then dampen the crepe paper balls.
- Encourage children to choose a crepe paper ball then stamp onto paper to create colourful patterns – no paint needed!

What are they learning with this activity?

As the children scrunch and stamp the crepe paper balls they are learning to:

- Listen to and follow directions
- Use hand/eye coordination skills
- Manipulate objects to explore motion, cause and effect
- Express themselves creatively with printing methods
- Create with different mediums and textures
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Use their sense of touch, sight and smell to make choices and create

Extending the play:

- Add dry crepe paper balls to a basket on a low shelf and see how the children incorporate them into everyday play. Allow babies to scrunch and listen to the noises it makes.
- Lay the crepe paper out in one continuous length then pass out some foam stickers or sticky dots for the children to stick down onto the paper. Show how to peel off the backing but make sure to start with large foam stickers or dots to keep frustration at bay.

