



## SPONGE PEG PAINTING

### Materials you need:

- Clothes pegs – wood or plastic.
- Kitchen sponges cut into thick strips (just use the cheap ones!).
- Cornflour paint colours or acrylic craft paints on lids or bowls.
- Paper or cardboard from the recycle box.

### Setup for play:

- Fold the sponge strips in half with end touching end.
- Clip peg onto the open end (not folded part).
- Show the children how to hold pegs as a handle then press sponges in the paint tray.
- Stamp onto the paper to see what patterns they can make.
- Use one colour or a combination to encourage colour recognition and mixing fun.

### What are they learning with this activity?

As they press and stamp the children are learning to:

- Use descriptive language to describe textures, materials and actions.
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and concentration
- 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
- Manipulate small objects using pincer movements

### Extending the play:

- Try using the pegs with sea sponges or different sized and textured sponges.
- Swap paint for buckets of water and wash the windows with the sponges.

