



PAPER TOWEL DESIGNS

Materials you need:

- 2 rolls of paper towels
- Good quality marker pens or sharpies with a fine point and range of colours.

Setup for play:

- Show children how to tear a square of paper towel off for themselves – point out the little dots imprinted into the surface of the paper.
- Explain they are going to create their own unique designs by adding colour to the dots with the pens and following different patterns like swirls and lines.
- This activity requires a fair amount of concentration, so they might like to come back and forth to the activity a few times before they are happy with their design and feel they have finished.

What are they learning with this activity?

As the children create their artwork they are learning to:

- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Express themselves creatively
- Manipulate equipment with increasing competence
- Create with different mediums and textures
- Work independently on a project
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and demonstrate spatial awareness
- Manipulate small objects using pincer movements

Extending the play:

- Take paper towel squares outside and add small droppers to water paint – as the children drop the paint onto the paper towel it will create a tie dye effect. They look wonderful when hung on a window in the sun.
- Offer the paper towels as a different option to the usual paper to paint or draw on as they choose.

