



## MASKING TAPE MASTERPIECES

### Materials you need:

- Thick white cardboard (A5 size works well) or a craft canvas
- Rolls of masking tape & scissors or dispensers
- Pastel colour acrylic paints or bright water colours and paintbrushes

### Setup for play:

- Show children how to peel off masking tape strips then stick to their cardboard in different patterns and designs.
- Now paint over the top until the whole surface is covered.
- When dry, peel off the tape to reveal the masterpieces!

### What are they learning with this activity?

As they use the tape and paint to create pictures they are learning to:

- Experiment with cause and effect
- Use hand/eye coordination skills
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Express themselves creatively
- Manipulate equipment and real life tools with increasing competence
- Create with different mediums and textures
- Make decisions about the materials they want to use and what works best.
- Work independently on a project
- Use observational skills to look closely and notice details

### Extending the play:

- Work together as a group to create a large mural on an outdoor wall or path area using chalk instead of the paint. Make sure to take photos before the design washes away!