



Integrating Early Literacy and the Arts

Activities:

Paper Cutout

Pen and Ink

Watercolor

Oil & Acrylic

Cartooning

Famous Artist:

Henri Matisse

Pablo Picasso

J.M. W Turner

Vincent Van Gogh

Charles Shultz

Visual Art can help children become better learners, provide a way for them to express thoughts, feelings, and hopes, and expand their creativity and imagination.

When exploring art in any form with your child he or she is learning how to analyze concepts of space, color, line, perspective and interpret ideas and meanings about art and the world. You will also have the opportunity to teach your child the reasons and rewards for hard work and completing goals.

Included in each creativity packet you will find helpful ideas and fun art projects to share with your child.

These activities are designed to teach your child about art, provide an outlet through which your child can express his or her feelings and ideas, as well as open communication between you and your child. These activities are not meant to teach criticism therefore, always remember art with your child is about process not product.

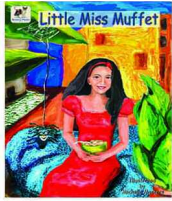
We invite you and your child on a journey to learn how art can help you see the world in new and amazing ways.

Oil & Acrylic

Famous Artist: Vincent Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh's first painting was of poor people. His paintings were very dark and sad. Van Gogh saw some Japanese Paintings and liked them very much. He decided to start painting colorful paintings. Van Gogh lived with his friend Gauguin. They argue all the time and one day Van Gogh got so angry at Gauguin he cut off his own ear.

Picture Books:



Little Miss Muffet Illustrated by Michelle Masters
Available from Smarty Pants Press

I Love Mommy Because... Written by Laurell Porter
Illustrated by Ashley Wolf

Objective:

Explore art expression, observation, and language skills.

Learning Props:

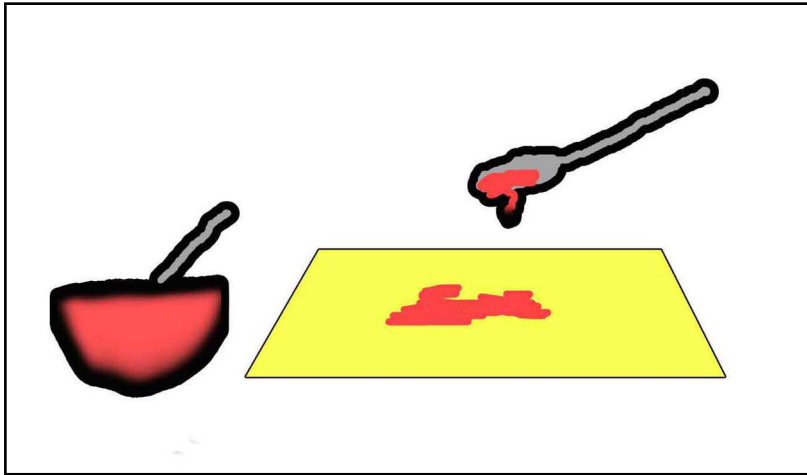
Construction Paper
Wax Paper or Clear Plastic
Acrylic or Tempera Paint
Teaspoons
Popsicle sticks
Tape
Bowls

Art Activity:

1. Set up the paint in bowls. One color per bowl or cup.

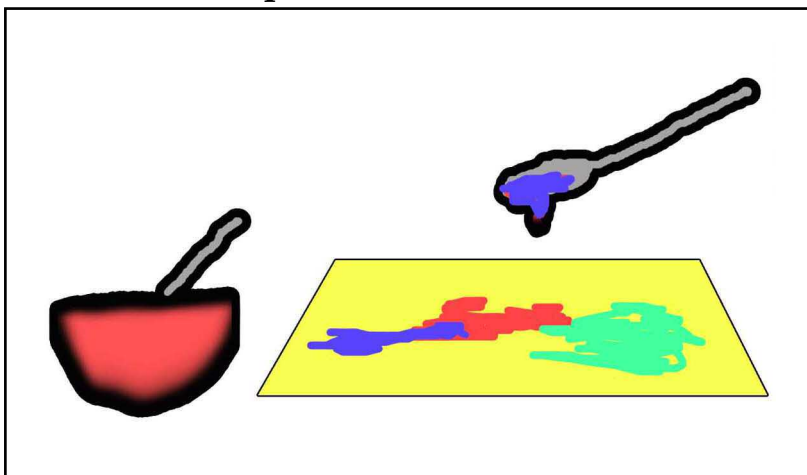
2. Place a sheet of construction paper in front of your child. Light color paper works best.

3. Now take some paint from a bowl with a spoon and drip it onto the construction paper. See Example 1.



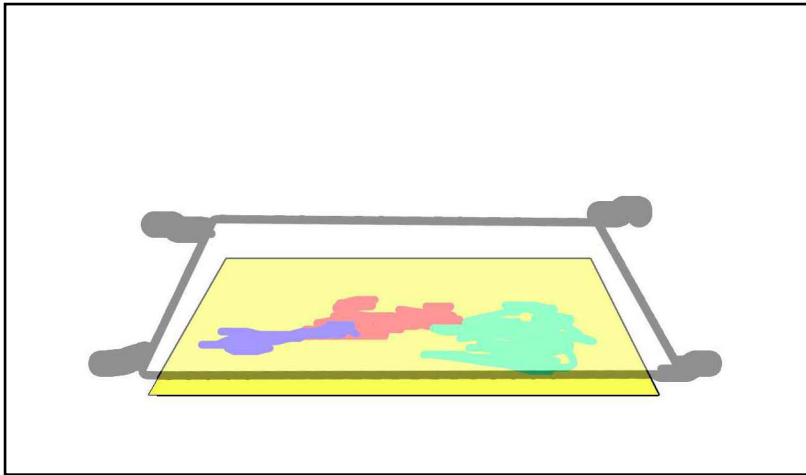
Example 1

4. Now repeat with a different color. Encourage your child to use a variety of colors. See Example 2.



Example 2

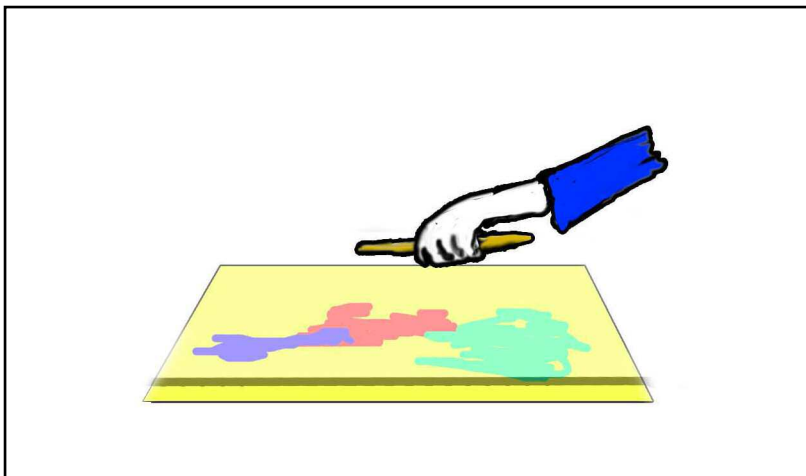
5. After covering construction paper with paint, place the plastic or wax paper over the painting. See Example 3.



Example 3

6. Tape wax paper to the table.

7. Press edge of popsicle stick over wax paper. See Example 4.



Example 4

Now remove wax paper and let your art work dry.

**Congratulations! You have just created
your first expressionistic style painting!**