



## 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.

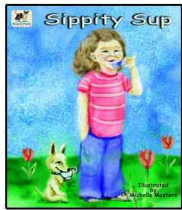
We invite you and your child on a journey to learn how art can help you see the world in new and amazing ways.

# Watercolor

## Famous Artist: J.M.W Turner

J.M.W Turner attended the Royal Academy of Art when he was only 15 years old. Turner loved to paint landscapes. His favorite color was yellow. He used Yellow and bright colors in his paintings. Turner is known for his watercolor paintings. He is recognized today as one of the most famous watercolor artist in history.

## Picture Books:



*Sippity Sup* Illustrated by Michelle Masters  
Available From Smarty Pants Press

*I Love You the Purplest* Written by Barbara M. Joose  
Illustrated by Mary Whyte

## Objective:

Learn about watercolor paint, colors, and creativity.

## Learning Props:

Watercolor paints (Watered down acrylic will work)

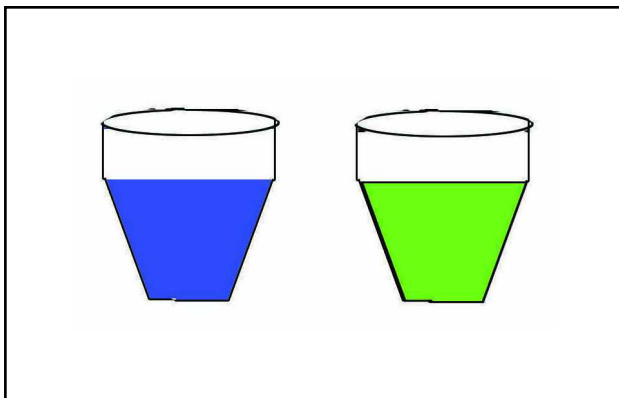
Brushes (any size)

Paper (preferably heavy weight –90lbs)

Straws

## Art Activity:

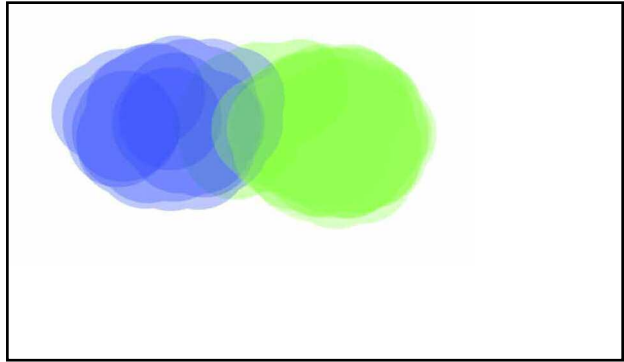
**1. Mix up two colors of paint with water. Make sure they are runny.  
See Example 1.**



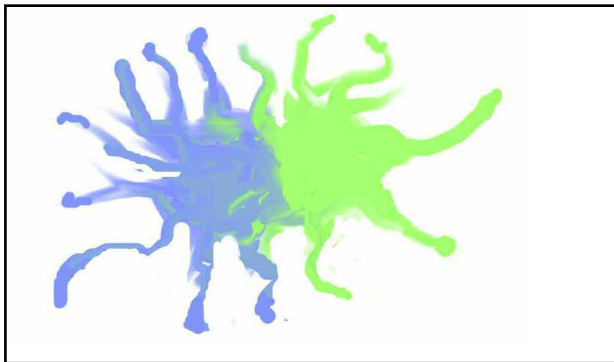
**Example 1**

**2. Help your child pour about a half dollar size of each color onto the paper. See Example 2.**

**Example 2**



**3. Place your straw in the middle of the paint and blow hard. See Example 3.**

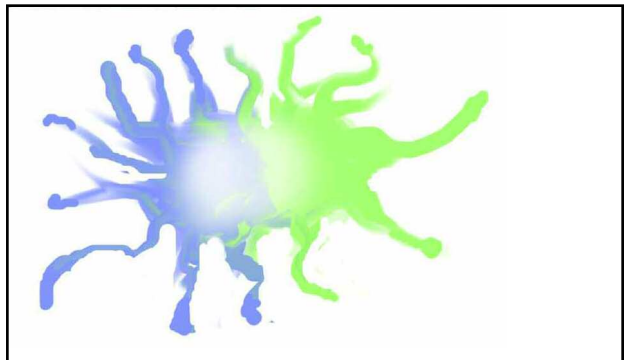


**Example 3**

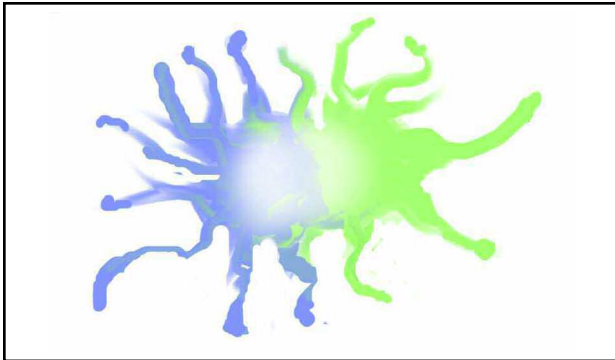
**4. Blow the paint in different directions chasing the paint outward.**

**5. Blot the paint in the middle section with a damp cloth. See Example 4.**

**Example 4**



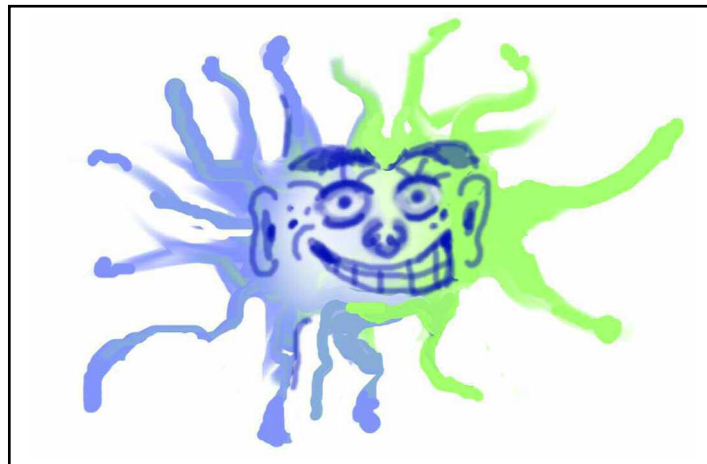
**6. Let the paint dry and start exploring the shape.  
See Example 5.**



**Example 5**

**7. Look for shapes of objects or creatures in the paint.**

**8. Now paint or draw faces, shapes, animals, etc inside the paint. See  
Example 6.**



**Example 6**

**Be Creative and Have Fun!**