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Wee Work

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WEE BEGINNERS (0-18 months): Hand & Foot Print Lobster Painting

What You Need:

- Red paint
- Paint brushes
- Paper plate
- Construction paper
- Black Marker
- Glue



What You Do:

1. First paint one foot red. Press it down on the center of the construction paper. This is your lobster's body
2. Then, one at a time, paint the child's hand red and press on one side of the paper, away from the toes.
3. To finish off your lobster, paint some lines from the lobster's body to connect the hands.
4. Use the black marker to draw on eyes and any other details.





WEE EXPLORER (18 months – 3 years old): Paper Bag Beaver Puppet

What You Need:

- One paper bag
- White paper
- Brown paper
- Child safe scissors
- Black marker or crayon
- Glue stick



What to Do:

1. Have the child draw two eyes using the black marker or crayons on white paper. Help the child to cut them out.
2. Help the child cut out a rectangle for the beaver teeth from the white paper.
3. Help the child cut out four ovals from the brown paper for the beaver's paws and one large oval for the beaver's tail.
4. With the fold of the paper bag facing you have your child glue the two eyes to the fold.
5. Have the child draw a black nose under the eyes on the fold of the paper bag.
6. Have the child glue the white teeth attached to the fold underneath it.
7. Have the child glue the beaver's oval paws to the sides of the paper bag.
8. Have the child glue the beaver's tale to the back of the paper bag hanging down past the opening of the bag.
9. Let it dry then use it as a puppet.





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Wee Builder (3 – 4 years): Rainbow Painting

What You Need

- Paint in rainbow colours
- Dish
- Combs
- White paper

What You Do

1. Pour the paint into the dish making sure it's in the right order. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple.
2. Dip in the comb.
3. Spread onto the paper.





Wee Learner (4 – 5 years): Marble Printed Paper

What You Need

- Shaving Cream
- Food Colouring
- Water
- Heavier Weight White Paper
- Paint Brush
- Muffin Tin
- Medicine Dropper
- Spatula
- Tooth Picks or Spoon for Stirring Food Colouring
- Cookie Sheet
- Aluminum Foil



What You Do

1. Choose the colours of food colouring you want to use. Use a muffin tin to sort the colours. put a bit of colour in each one, added water to water it down a bit (about half way full in the tins) and then mix it with a tooth pick.
2. Line foil on a jelly roll pan for easy clean up. Let kids squirt out shaving cream onto the foil. Spread it out using a spatula. Make the layer about 1/2 inch thick and make it slightly larger than the size of your paper.
3. Using a medicine dropper, make drops of food colouring all over your shaving cream. Have a glass of water next to you, so the kids can clean out the dropper after each colour use.
4. Using a paint brush, kids can start twirling paint until desired swirl pattern. You want to encourage them not to over-mix, which will blend all the colours rather than having a nice swirl pattern.
5. Lay the paper down on the swirled shaving cream. Lightly press onto the shaving cream, making sure all the edges and corners are being exposed to the colour. Do not shift the paper, simple press straight down lightly.
6. It is time for the magical moment. You will carefully lift the paper up. Don't be disappointed. It looks like a mess of colourful shaving cream initially. Using a straight edge, scrape off the shaving cream. Revealed underneath will be gorgeous marbled paper. Allow to dry.





WEE EXPERT (5 – 6 years old): Papier Mâché Bowl

What You Need:

- Coloured paper
- Paste - [click here for a recipe](#)
- Cling wrap
- Bowl of boiling water
- Bowl to mold the papier mâché onto

What to Do:

1. Tear the coloured paper into small pieces and soak in boiling water for several hours.
2. Drain the excess water off the coloured paper and squeeze the paper.
3. Stir several spoonfuls of paste into the damp coloured paper pieces and mix well.
4. Cover the inside or outside of a bowl with cling wrap.
5. Start to press pieces of the coloured paper and paste mix onto the cling wrapped bowl, directly onto the cling wrap.
6. Keep going to make a bowl shape.
7. Allow to dry for at least a day.
8. Once dry, lift the papier mache bowl off and then peel off the cling wrap.
9. Allow to dry further.
10. You could varnish your papier mâché bowl or leave as is.





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Wee Mentor (6+ years) Marble Run

What You Need

- Shoe box lid
- Pencil
- Straws
- Scissors
- White glue
- Marbles
- Coloured paper (to fit in the bottom of the lid)

What You Do

1. At one end of the lid cut a hole and then cut a hole on the opposite end and opposite corner. This will be the start and finish of the maze.
2. If needed, cut the coloured paper to fit into the bottom of the lid and glue into place.
3. Take a pencil and map out where you would like to place your straws.
4. Measure straws against the lines and cut accordingly.
5. Add a line of glue to the line and place the straw on top of the glue.
6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until you have covered all of your pencil line.
7. Let dry completely before you use it.

