

Ice Paints



This ice painting experience is lots of fun and a 'cool' way to encourage children to paint creatively. Simple to prepare and with a space to make a rainbow, your child will love creating vibrant colours and mixing them to make new ones! Homemade

How to Do It

1. Fill an ice cube tray with water. Don't over fill.
2. If using tempura paint, mix to the instructions provided.
3. If using food colouring, add a small drop of to each cube.
4. Cut a paddle pop stick in half. Use the snapped edge to mix the water and food colouring.
5. Leave the sticks inside, pop in the freezer and leave overnight.

The Team at Guardian Artamon use the digital platform Storypark as one way to stay connected with their families and children at home. This ongoing partnership is promoting a continuity of learning and offering an additional sense of security for everyone.

Sharing with children and families some of the experiences being planned at the centre, they offered this one for ice block paints as one for families and children might like to try together at home.

What Learning is Occurring?

- **Fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination** and a **sensory experience** as your child feels the texture of the slippery, cold, wet paint.
- **Dispositions for learning** are being developed such as curiosity creativity enthusiasm and imagination
- **Creative expression** as they paint with an opportunity to explore colour mixing, patterns.
- **Development of a range of skills and processes** such as inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising researching and investigating. Talk with your child about the science behind ice - discuss changes that happen and why. What happened to the water? What's happening to the ice now? How did you make that new colour?
- **Development of vocabulary** - Talk with your child about ice, how it feels, what happens when it melts. Name colours together or encourage your child to create new names for the blended colours.

Things you will need

- an ice cube tray
- water
- food colouring or tempura paint
- paddle pop sticks (or anything sturdy to pop in and hold)
- paper or another surface for painting on
- space in your freezer

Tips

- Prepare an area for painting to best avoid a big clean up. paint outside in old clothes or lay old newspaper or a drop cloth to cover any surfaces if you need to.
- On a cooler day you might wish to paint in a warmer room so that the ice melts a little faster.
- Maintain supervision to ensure paint doesn't wander too far and to avoid choking on smaller pieces of ice, particular with young children.
- When painting, use water colour paper for even better results
- Keep the paddle pop sticks and reuse them next time.



- The idea for this experience came from Instagram #mothercould

