

Creativity Prompt

Paper Tie Dye

Description

Make some fun tie-dye art which can be used as window decorations, creative play, or a gift for someone special.

Goal

To explore the use of everyday items to make art and to engage in creativity.

Time to Complete

Minimum 10 minutes.

Number of Participants

You can do this alone or in a group.

Materials

Any size coffee filters, thick napkins or paper towels. Some sort of paper that can absorb water.

Washable markers

Water (to drip onto your art either in a spray bottle, using a straw, or with your fingers)

A surface to create on that will be easy to clean up and you don't mind getting a little wet (maybe use a dish rag/paper towels to set under your artwork)

Instructions

Grab a single piece of your paper material (coffee filter, paper towel, napkin, ect.) and washable markers and color one side in whatever design you choose!

Example: You can make a rainbow pattern, or any tie-dye pattern of colors. There are no right or wrong answers here – just coloring!

Once you have finished coloring your paper material, lay out your newly created design. To keep your surface clean lay an dish rag/paper towels/etc. under your creation.

Now it's time for your water! Using what you have, either a spray bottle or your hand, slowly spray or drip water on your colored design. The colors will begin to disperse through your artwork to create a beautiful new pattern.

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Share your artwork! Snap a photo and send to a friend. You can invite other friends or families in your neighborhood to make their own repurposed tie-dye artwork and hang them in their front windows for a neighborhood “tie-dye hunt”.

Optional Add On

If your design had a name or a title, what would it be?

Example: Psychedelic Phish, Swirl Connection

What celebrity would wear your tie-dye design, and what type of clothing would they wear it as?

Example: Billie Eilish as a stunning and fashionable pair of sweatpants.

Example: Eli Manning as the new football jersey design for his fantasy football team online.

Thinking about your design as the cover of your latest album:

What genre would it be?

What’s the title of the song that goes platinum off the album?

Which artist would be featured on this album?

Sharing Suggestions

Share your artwork with us in the comments on Facebook, or via a tagged Instagram story.