



Tuesday Art Play

van with Gogh!

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Vincent Willem van Gogh was a Dutch painter who was famous for his use of bold bright colours that look as thick as toothpaste, with very wavy strokes.

The idea of this activity is to create a van Gogh effect in a fun way, so 'van with Gogh!'

Materials list:

- Cardboard (A4 size)
- Aluminium Foil
- String
- Paints (acrylic or poster paints)
- Plastic containers and a few spoons
- Masking tape
- Glue

Activity Steps:

Step 1

With a string create a simple picture on cardboard. For example: the string can be a line that separates a sky from a mountain; the sea from the sky; windy swirls from the beach. This string will help you to divide your colours when painting.

When you are happy with where your string is placed, make sure you glue the string onto the cardboard.

Step 2

Cover your cardboard and string with the aluminium foil. Press the foil down over your whole cardboard piece making sure you press the foil along the string line also, so that you can see

where the string is. Then turn your foiled cardboard over and use your masking tape to attach the foil to the back of your cardboard. Now you have a basic picture and you are almost ready to start painting.

Step 3

Choose your favourite paint colours and place each colour into an individual container, putting a spoon with each container also.

TIP: You can also put your paint directly onto your aluminium canvas.

Step 4

Let's start painting, '*van Goghing!*' With the help of the spoons splash your favourite colours onto your aluminium canvas, then with your fingers drag the paint through your canvas. By using your fingers to spread the paint you can see the pasty paint creating a textured effect in your artwork.

TIP: Be careful when mixing your colours. If you mix the wrong colours you may end up with a brown canvas. Use your colour wheel to help you in choosing which colours to mix. Maybe an adult could help you with this.

Step 5

When you are finished place your piece of artwork to the side in a safe place and leave it to dry. Later you can place it on a stand or on the wall.