

Art & Sensory Play; Salt Painting pictures

This activity is a way to create tactile paintings that involves a bit of science that shows how absorbent salt can be!

What you will need; Table salt, PVA glue, brushes, food colouring or watered down paints, paper or card for making your painting onto. A tray or baking dish to contain the salt as you pour it and shake it from your design.



First use the bottle of glue to draw a design onto the paper or card. Try to let the glue slowly pour out of the bottle as you slowly move it over your paper.



Place your paper onto the tray and sprinkle salt over the glue lines. Now gently shake the excess salt off into the tray.



Now you can use a brush to gently drip colours onto the salt lines you have made. Watch as the colours magically move along the salt covered lines!



Add different colours to your design. Allow these to dry, This may take a whole day if your glue is very thick!

A note on health & safety; Salt is toxic in large amounts, so take care while using it. Part of the learning experience can be that small amounts of salt help to make our food taste good, but too much tastes bad and can make us feel ill.