

Mix-it-Up Sponge Painting - Grades 2-4

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SUPPLIES NEEDED

Cup Or Bottle
Dry Erase Markers
Marker & Watercolor Pad
Paper Towels
Pointed Tip Scissors
Recycled Material

Directions

1. Ask students if they have ever played a game where they needed to think up many different ways to use an everyday item. Provide students with a sponge and challenge them to think of various ways to use the sponge other than to clean up spills. Write students ideas on a classroom white board using Crayola® Dry Erase Markers.
2. Working in small groups, ask students to combine the sponge with Crayola Tempera paint. Challenge each group to come up with many ideas of how these two items can be used together in or outside of an art activity. Student groups keep a list of proposed uses.
3. Once the conversations appears to be exhausted, tell students it is time to put their creative ideas into action. After covering their work space with recycled newspaper, students take the paint and mix colors on recycled foam produce trays palettes. Experiment with different colors and techniques. Students are challenged to find many different colors, shapes, lines, and forms they can create. These are the basic elements of all art, and can be achieved with a sponge!
4. Once students have completed their painting, provide time for them to clean up their work areas. Allow overnight for paint to dry.
5. Students present their artwork to their small group of peers.