



Exploring

Making prints with bubble wrap

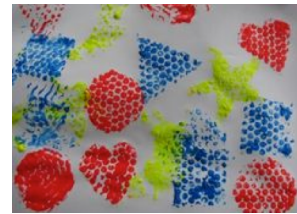
Children will explore texture, color, and shapes by making prints using bubble wrap and paint!

Materials

- Pieces of bubble wrap, cut into a variety of shapes
- Plates to hold paint
- A few different colors of paint
- Paper
- Examples

Try This!

Invite children to create a bubble wrap print. Each child will need a piece of paper and access to paint and bubble wrap shapes.



Children will use the bubble wrap shapes like a stamp. Have them place the bubble side in the paint and press it on to a piece of paper to make a print.

Science Process Skills

- Exploration
- Observation
- Categorizing
- Experimenting

Classroom Implementation

While children are exploring you can model open-ended questions by asking:

- What can you create with these shapes?
- What does this remind you of?
- What types of patterns can you make?
- What happens when you mix the colors?

Depending on the age of the children, how it is presented will look different. This is a very open ended, exploration activity. Keeping that in mind, here are some suggestions:

- Make a large banner to hang in your classroom that all of the children work on.
- Let kids design and possibly cut out their own bubble wrap stamps. Change up the shape and size of the stamps.
- Just explore the bubble wrap without paint – listen to the different noise it makes and explore the texture and feel of the wrap.

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