Color Blast!

Art Curriculum - Color Theory



Learning Objective

Children will be able to watch capillary action occur and learn about the cohesion and adhesion of water. At the same time, they're able to learn how colors can merge together to make different hues and shades, a simple introduction to color theory.

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Materials Needed

- Water based markers (Crayola preferred)
- Coffee filters
- Pipe Cleaners
- Paper Towels
- Bin with water

Demo with Steps:



Activity Procedure

- 1. First you will color the coffee filter all the way around with markers leaving almost no white space
- 2. Then, fold the coffee filter into 8ths and dip the tip of the filter into the water
- 3. Watch as the colors rise up the filter demonstrating capillary action!
- 4. Once the water has spread the color up until the end of the filter, unfold the filter and leave it to dry by pressing it with a paper towel, or you can leave it to air dry
- 5. Once the filter is dry take a look at your watercolor piece and observe the colors you created!
- 6. After that, you can fold the coffee filters into any creation you desire by using the pipe cleaners (You can fold them into flowers or butterflies!)