

Suitable for all

ACTIVITY GET ARTY WITH PAINT AND STENCILS

You will need

- cardboard – breakfast cereal boxes are ideal
- pencils
- marker pens
- scissors
- craft knife
- squirty drinks bottles
- water balloons
- water pistols
- washable paint

Instructions

Preparation:

Ask your young people to collect breakfast cereal boxes a couple of weeks beforehand.



1 Ask your section to cut open their cereal boxes and lie the cardboard flat, with the plain grey side facing up.

2 For the stencils, encourage the Scouts to choose from simple shapes, a star, heart, hexagon, swirl or a paw print – even a smiley face or a moustache! They can download the fleur-de-lis Scout logo from scouts.org/hobbycraft.

3 Ask the group to think about the size the stencils will need to be, depending on whether they're creating a book cover or a poster.

4 Now they can draw their chosen shape or shapes onto cardboard using a pencil, or a marker pen if they are feeling confident.

5 Time for the big cut out! Your group will have to take it in turns if there aren't enough scissors to go around.

6 Now for the fun bit. Ask your section to pour paint into squirty drinks bottles, and fill water balloons and water pistols with their favourite colours. Then they can splurt, splatter and spray their stencils to their hearts' content! Leave to dry, then display.

Share.

Share a pic of your art and we'll start a gallery! Turn to page 3...



James says:

'This was great fun. I enjoyed getting reeeeaally messy. We could've used a bit longer to make the stencils'

WOGGLEBOX

TIME NEEDED

30 minutes

BADGE



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OUTCOMES

Messy painting allows young people to feel free in their creativity. With this activity, your section can truly express themselves by creating stencils and dynamic pieces of art using exciting and unconventional methods. They'll work with colour, shapes and practise stimulating ways of applying paint. They'll give their work a practical use, by making book covers or posters and, afterwards, they'll take responsibility for cleaning up the paint area.

TAKING IT FURTHER

During art attack, take it further by squirting paint from a height – your young people could stand on a chair with the paper on the ground. They could do 'spin' paintings where two people turn the paper by walking quickly in a circle while one person drips or fires paint at it in different colours. Use fabric paint to decorate old T-shirts using the Scouts logo. Hold an exhibition of the artwork for family and friends and charge an admission fee to raise money for a good cause.

MORE INFORMATION

As of October 2017, Hobbycraft will no longer partner with the Cub Artist Activity Badge. We thank them for their support over the last few years.