

DRIP PAINTING

NOTE:

THIS PROJECT CAN BE DONE ON A PIECE OF PAPER TAPED TO A VERTICAL SURFACE, OR WITH A MAKESHIFT EASEL WITH THREE PIECES OF CARDBOARD. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD HELP YOU SET UP THE SPACE TO HELP DEVELOP RESPONSIBLE PREPPING AND CLEANING HABITS.

MATERIALS

- [The Dot, by Peter H. Reynolds](#)
- 3 pieces of cardboard to make a quick DIY cardboard easel*
- Tape
- Paper
- Tempera paint
- Spoon or brush



INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1. SET UP

Tape paper to one or both sides of your new double-sided tabletop easel.

If you're doing this activity inside. We recommend placing the cardboard easel over a tray or mat to catch the extra paint that drips down.

Choose your paint colors and put them into paint cups or dishes along with a spoon or brush. If your paint is thick, you may want to water it down a bit, so it drips and runs better.

STEP 2. DRIP PAINT

Drip paint from your spoon or brush onto the paper.

Encourage kids to drip their paint along the top of their paper/easel so that they could watch the paint drip down the angled paper.

They can experiment with small drips, big drips, and different color combinations. It's interesting to watch the colors drip into each other and mix. You can also experiment with the viscosity, or flow, of different kinds of paint.

STEP 3. LET DRY

Let your new paint drip paintings dry, then admire and display!

You can also use them as the base layer of a multi-media artwork or cut them up and use them for collages.