NO MESS PAINTINGS

For this project, we were inspired by the work of artist, Syd Solomon. We love how he uses colors to make bold abstract paintings. Abstract means it doesn’t look exactly like real life.

Try this no mess project to make some colorful art of your own! Mix colors together with shaving cream and see what colors you can make.

Check out the second page for related books and questions!

Materials: shaving cream, food coloring or paint, zip lock bag

Directions:

Start by pouring few drops of one color of food coloring into the bottom left corner of the bag.

Pick another color and do the same with the bottom right corner.

*Remember

Yellow + Red = Orange
Red + Blue = Purple
Blue + Yellow = Green

Fill bag with shaving cream, but leave some space so it doesn’t overflow!

*For extra safety- tape over the opening of the bag, too

Now squish and squash the bag to see what colors you make!

MORE TO EXPLORE

Questions to ask your little one about Syd Solomon’s artwork & colors:

• When you look at this painting, what colors do you see?
• Syd Solomon liked to paint outside, what do you think he was looking at outside when he painted this?
• Sometimes colors can be used to show our feelings. What colors do you think are happy colors? What about sad, mad, sleepy, or excited?

Questions to ask your little one when making the project together:

• What colors do you want to use? *Use the hints from the first page to help them decide
• Why do you want to use those colors?
• What do you think will happen when you squish the bag?

Color-related books to read together:

*If you don’t have these books at home, youtube.com has read-aloud videos*

• Mix It Up by Hervé Tullet
• Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
• Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Seeger
• Sky Color by Peter H. Reynolds
• A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni

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