

Owl Handprints and Fishy Handprints

Preschool -
Kindergarten



Materials Needed:

Display My Art drawing paper, Watercolor paint, Washable craft/acrylic paint, Paintbrush, Magic markers (optional)

Instructions:

1. **PREPARE BACKGROUND:** In a contrasting color to what your handprints will be, paint a wash of craft paint over entire background (colors shouldn't be too dark so that handprint art will be seen). Allow to dry completely.
*** If you choose to use watercolors for the background, please be careful **NOT** to saturate paper with water! This could cause paper to buckle and possibly make it unscannable.
2. **PAINTING OWL HANDPRINTS:** With craft paint, have children paint two tree branches extending out from side of art paper. Add some leaves to branches, and let dry. Pour small amount of washable craft paint in desired shade of brown onto a tray. Gently press child's hand into paint and press upside down (so fingers are pointing towards bottom of page) on the painted branch so edge of palm sits on branch and fingers extend below branch. Repeat this step on second branch with opposite hand. Allow to dry. Paint two large round eyes and beak at top of hand, and two bird feet at base of palm (before the fingers - or "tail" starts)
3. **PAINTING RAINBOW FISH HANDPRINT:** Pour small amounts of different brightly colored washable craft paint onto tray. With soft paintbrush, paint a different color paint on each of the child's fingers and palm. Gently press child's painted hand **HORIZONTALLY** in center of page (so that fingers point to the side of the paper - like "fins"). Allow to dry, then add an eye and mouth and a few bubbles.
4. **PAINTING CLOWNFISH HANDPRINT:** Pour small amount of orange washable craft paint onto tray. Gently press child's hand into the orange paint then press the painted hand **HORIZONTALLY** in center of page (so that fingers point to the side of the paper - like "fins"). Allow to dry, then with either a paintbrush or child's finger, add an eye and mouth and two white stripes on the fish's body. Add a few bubbles and some seaweed on the bottom.
4. **DON'T FORGET TO PUT STUDENT NAME AND YEAR ON THE DRAWING**, at least one inch away from outside border.