

# Finger Painting with Safe Washable Paints

Let's dive into the squishy, colorful world of finger painting! This timeless craft is all about getting messy and having fun with safe, washable paints. It's the perfect activity for little hands to explore textures, colors, and creativity—without worrying about the cleanup. Finger painting is great for sensory play, and kids can create vibrant masterpieces with just their fingers, palms, and a bit of imagination. Ready to get messy and make some art?



## Materials List: Gather Your Supplies!

- **Washable, non-toxic paints** (bright colors for extra fun!)
- **Thick paper or cardstock** (to hold your masterpiece)
- **Paper plates or a palette** (for spreading out the paint)
- **Smocks or old clothes** (because things are going to get messy—in the best way!)
- **Wet wipes or damp cloths** (for quick hand cleanup between colors)
- **Plastic tablecloth or newspaper** (to protect your crafting area)
- **Optional: Paintbrushes or sponges** (if you want to mix things up!)

## **Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!**

1. **Set Up Your Space:** Lay down a plastic tablecloth or newspaper to protect your workspace. Make sure everyone's wearing an old t-shirt or smock—things are about to get colorful!
2. **Prepare the Paint:** Squeeze some washable paints onto paper plates or a palette. You can use individual colors or mix a few together for fun shades.
3. **Dip Your Fingers In!:** Dip your fingers right into the paint and start spreading it across the paper. Use your fingers, palms, or even the sides of your hands to make fun shapes and patterns. Fingerprints, swirls, dots—let your imagination run wild!
4. **Experiment with Handprints:** Press your whole hand into the paint and stamp it onto the paper to create colorful handprints. You can turn your handprints into animals, trees, or even make a family of handprints with different colors!
5. **Create Layers:** Try layering different colors of paint by letting one color dry and then adding more patterns on top. You can also experiment with blending colors by smudging them together with your fingers.
6. **Let It Dry:** Once you're happy with your artwork, set it aside to dry. Wash your hands (and maybe your face!) and admire your finger-painted masterpiece.

### **Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!**

Want to make your finger paintings even more fun? Sprinkle glitter on top of the wet paint for a magical sparkle, or use textured materials like sponges, toy cars, or even leaves to add cool patterns. You can also cut out shapes from your dried finger paintings to create cards or collage pieces!