

Painting **Blow painting**

What you need <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper.• Paints.• Brushes.• Water.• Straws.	Useful vocabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blow.• Suck.• Pattern.• Drip.• Explosion.	Related resources <p>Songs and rhymes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The North Wind Doth Blow <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Like a Windy Day, Frank and Devin Asch (Gulliver Books, hardback, 2002)• Colours, John Burningham (Walker Books, hardback, 2003)• Sun, Snow and the Rainbow, Diane James (Two-can Publishers, board book, 2000)• A Windy Day, Laura Pegram (Writers and Readers, paperback, 1995)
What children will learn <p>The children will use their creative and imaginative skills. They will also learn about the natural world and some types of weather. This activity will fit well with a topic like Colours, Seasons or Weather.</p> <p>Links specifically to these Early Learning Goals: KU2, KU3, KUI 1, PD6, PD8, CDI, CD2, CD4.</p>		

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What to do

- Show the children how to blow through the straws safely. Let them feel the air as it comes through the straw, talk about the wind – and how it blows trees, flags, and so on.
- Dilute some of your paints with water, and using a paint brush show the children how to daub or drip a generous blob in the centre of their paper. Now, using the straw begin to blow the paint around the paper.
- Add different colours and do the same thing with them.
- Look at how the paint moves across the paper – talk about what happens when 2 colours meet each other. *Do they create a new colour?*
- Look at the shape the paint makes – and the way it explodes from the central point.
- Go back to the idea of the wind, and use this technique to create some weather pictures – of clouds scurrying across the sky or trees being blown by the wind.

More to do

- Using reference books, find out more about wind and other types of weather. Keep a weather chart for a week or half-term.
- Hang some wind chimes outside, listen to the noise they make.

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- Go to a local park, or hill, and fly a kite.
- Create your own blow football game, using some straws and a ping pong ball.
- In autumn collect some leaves that have been blown off the trees, and create a collage of an autumn scene.

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