

Watercolor Flower

Looking for a craft that will exercise all parts of your child's creative side? In this project, the eight petals of a flower are painted in watercolor paint using different techniques, colors and patterns. The center of the flower is filled with a variety of pompoms, making this flower textured and tactile. It's a fantastic way to practice watercolor techniques while celebrating April showers!



What You Need:

- Watercolor paper
- Watercolor paints
- Paintbrush
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pompoms in various colors
- Pencil

What You Do:

1. Have your child draw some large flower petals on the watercolor paper.
2. Next, cut out the petal and trace it seven times on the same sheet of watercolor paper so you have a total of eight petal shapes.
3. Paint some water on four of the petals, and blot two of the wet petals with a paper towel.
4. Now paint all the petals with watercolor paints, making each one a different color.
5. Encourage your child to decorate each petal with a unique pattern. Consider polka dots, diagonal stripes, triangles, squares and squiggles. Then allow the petals to dry completely.
6. Using four different colors, paint the remaining petals. Look how much more control you have over the paint! Try inventing a new pattern for each petal. Allow these petals to dry.
7. On the watercolor paper, draw a large circle about 6" wide and cut it out to create the base of your flower.
8. Cut out all of the petals and arrange them on top of the circle base, so they are touching and evenly spaced.
9. Glue them in place on the circle and allow them to dry completely.
10. Have your child dip one pompom at a time in a small amount of white glue and place it in the center of the flower. She can use as many colors as she would like, until it looks finished!