



LEGO AND DUPLO PRINTING

Suits ages 22 months – 60 months



What you'll need

1. Lego or Duplo
2. Ready mixed washable paint
3. Paper plates
4. Plain Paper

What you'll do

1. Start by laying out the paper plates. Your child may want to choose to use more than one plate, perhaps one for each colour. Alternatively, they may choose to use one plate with a range of colours on the one plate.
2. You or your child carefully squeezes the paint onto the plate.
3. Your child selects the Lego they are going to use to create their picture or design.
4. Once they have dipped their Lego into the paint they transfer the brick to the paper repeating this as many times as it takes to create the masterpiece.
5. Leave the paper to dry.

This is a great activity for self-expression. Using Lego in this way allows for freedom through the making of marks and the intended design.

Repetition may be apparent throughout the design and as such adds a dimension that can be used as a discussion point for mathematical learning. For example, some blocks may have 8 circles, others maybe only 2 or 4. The opportunity to add and subtract, count in order, discuss the different shapes and sizes are other ideas for extending the activity.

This activity gives the opportunity to develop language skills through conversation and questioning, concentration and perseverance also.

Self-care: Once this activity has finished, place the Lego pieces into warm soapy water to clean. Children's hands will also need a soapy clean to remove any excess paint.