



# Make a Painting Together!

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Finger painting is a go-to activity for toddlers. Using paintbrushes takes painting to the next level. When you work on a piece of artwork with them, toddlers also get a sense of what it's like to make something together.

## Materials needed:

Washable non-toxic tempera paints, any color

Paintbrushes

Tape—for securing paper to the table

White paper, 11x17 (bigger is better for little hands)

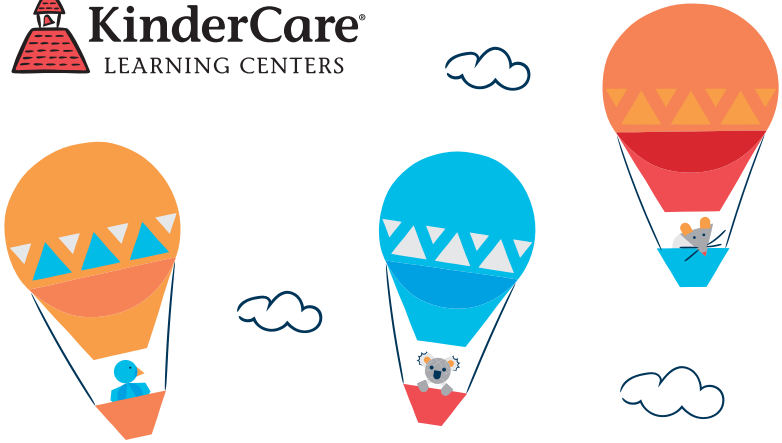
## Instructions:

Invite your child to paint with you on one piece of paper. Encourage experimentation with moving the paintbrush in different ways on the paper.

Make observations and ask your child questions like: "You are dabbing the paintbrush on the paper.

... What color are you using? ... What happened in the middle where these colors mixed? ... We are painting together!"





## What did we learn today?

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We take play seriously! With this activity, your toddler is using paintbrushes to make marks on paper, which helps them practice fine motor skills. They are:

- Increasing hand-eye coordination
- Learning to recognize colors
- Interacting and collaborating with others

## Try this at home!

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The next time you break out the non-toxic tempura paints, grab a few paintbrushes, too. Make marks on the paper and invite your little one to make marks as well. Enjoy the process, then step back and admire your masterpiece.