

## Painting with different materials

Painting with different materials is a great sensory experience for your children. Asking carefully thought out questions during this activity can develop learning too.

### Learning aims

- Learning through the senses
- Using descriptive language
- Finding out about the natural world
- Finding about the different properties of materials



### Resources

- Different sizes and shapes of:
  - Sandpaper (different levels of coarseness)
  - Foil (both smooth and crumpled up)
  - Bubble wrap
  - Wallpaper samples (you can get these for free from most decorating outlets) and textured wallpaper samples
  - Cellophane
- Paint (ready mix is best for this activity), wax crayons, chalks, felt tip pens
- Palette
- Scissors
- Paint brushes, scrapers, forks, twigs, feathers, leaves, lollipop sticks, potato mashers
- So children can access it themselves, the full rolls of:
  - Bubble wrap
  - Foil
  - Wallpaper
  - Cellophane.

## Activity outline

- This activity is quite child-led. Simply layout your resources and paintbrushes for children to access
- Ask some of these example questions to your children:
  - How does it feel when you are painting on it?
  - What patterns does the paint make on the surface?
  - Do you need to use different amounts of paint for this surface than normal painting paper?
  - What other surfaces could you use to paint on?
  - What do you think that would be like?
  - What colours can you make?
  - How do you think you could make purple/green/orange/pink etc?



## Special considerations

*Do not fire question after question at children when they are painting as this is likely to break their flow and disrupt their learning. Instead, ask carefully thought out questions that are likely to enhance their learning and give them time to explore and investigate. Supervise children with this activity e.g. when using cellophane, scissors.*