



Hilliard At Home Play Day Painting with Ice Cubes



Great for Ages Preschool+

Prep time: less than 5 minutes (not including the time it takes for ice to freeze)

Supplies:

Ice tray

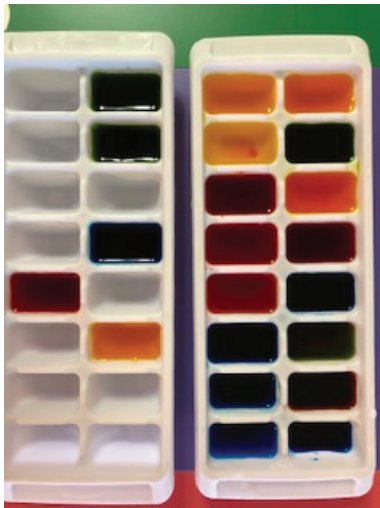
Food coloring

Paper

Craft sticks (These are optional, but they do make the ice-cubes easier to handle.)

Polly and Lou want you to know that this activity is messy!

Food coloring will stain clothing, skin, and other surfaces. You may need to protect the work area with a drop cloth or wax paper. You can also do this project outside!

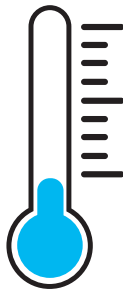


STEP ONE

Fill an empty ice tray with water. Add drops of food coloring.

For deeper, stronger shades of a color, add more drops (between 3-5 drops).

For lighter, softer shades of a color, add fewer drops. (between 1-2 drops).



STEP TWO

Allow ice to freeze.

If you are adding the craft-stick handles, you can insert them into each cube after the tray has been in the freezer for 30-40 minutes.



STEP THREE

Protect any surfaces that are likely to stain.

Remove frozen cubes from the tray.

Allow them to lightly defrost for about 1-2 minutes so that the color more easily spreads across the paper.

Enjoy!



Here is an example of some ice cube art! This piece is inspired by a work from the Hilliard's Permanent Collection - Emilio Sanchez's "Hudson River Sunset"

Follow the link below to see the original, and maybe find some artwork that inspires you!

<https://hilliardmuseum.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/328DF896-6E25-4A00-A28E-108672123765>

Remember, you can share your artwork with the Hilliard by posting it on instagram, and tagging @HilliardMuseum and using #HilliardAtHome

