NSW Department of Education

## Learning every day in every way through play

## Painting

Provide open painting activities with water paints, cotton tips and paper towel to mix colours and make patterns (avoid stencils and pre-set activities).

More activities like this:

- Paint the concrete or brick wall with water.
- Finger painting and mixing colours.
- Spoon paint onto paper and fold it to make butterfly prints.
- Find different equipment to paint with, for example potato masher, sticks, the end of the paintbrush and different materials to paint on like paper, cardboard, bark.

What children are learning:

- Strengthening the small muscles in their hands
- Being creative and representing their ideas
- Experimenting with different mediums
- Developing hand eye coordination

