

Apple printing

Explore shapes, sizes, patterns and colours with our arty apple printing activity.

Learning aims

- Explore shapes, sizes, patterns and colours
- Enjoy making marks.

Resources

- Different sized paper including long rolls
- A range of apple varieties cut different ways (cooking apples are larger)
- Lolly sticks
- Autumn colour paints – red, orange, green, brown
- Paper plates.



Activity Outline

- Cut the apples horizontally and vertically in half, and into quarters - this will create different patterns
- Stick a lolly stick into the half pieces – this makes it easier for the children to hold
- Put paint onto paper plates
- Encourage the children to choose different apples and press them into the paint, and then onto the paper
- Talk with the children about the different shapes, sizes, patterns and colours they create.

Working with babies

Babies can enjoy this activity too:

- Tape large pieces of paper to the floor or a tough tray
- Sit the babies in their nappies on to the paper
- Squirt paint onto the paper and give the babies the apples with the sticks in
- Encourage them to explore the paint and make marks using the apples.

Babies should be supervised when doing this activity. Ensure you also have completed a risk assessment and have washing facilities available nearby e.g. bucket or bowl of soapy water. Watch out for babies who may want to eat the apples!