



Holly Ridge Center

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At Home Learning

Stamping apples and leaves on the Tree – Art Activity



Materials:

Paper (Blank or Copy below)

Optional: Markers, color crayons or pencils

Paint Shirt

Paint, paint containers, (optional: brushes)

Water

Homemade stamper- Try: Duplos, Qtips banded together, wine corks... look around your house and see what you have that could be used to stamp leaves or apples!



THE BASICS

1. Draw a simple tree shape on a piece of paper, or use the paper below as a template.
2. If you want, have your child color the tree with markers or crayons.
3. Have your child dip the “stamper” in the paint and dot it on to the paper.
4. Give your child the freedom to place the “stamper” on the page. There is no right way to do it!
5. It’s okay to get messy! Have your child help clean up.

Ways to build skills and strengthen development:

- Have a parent or sibling do the activity alongside a young child, to model actions.
 - * Encourages imitation of skills and language
 - * Practice “my turn, your turn”
 - * Give choices- “block or marker?” “blue block or yellow block?”
 - * Pause after actions, to give your child the chance to process and imitate
- Label what you are doing! Repetition of words is essential for learning language. Don’t be afraid to use words over and over again – dot dot dot, dip dip, red paint, paper
- Learn vocabulary! Practice specific words that fit what your child is learning, words that match you want them to learn – apple, tree, leaf, paint, block, other things items you have added
- Encourage child to follow instructions, giving one step, then two step directions when ready
- Give different sized objects to hold on to, for practicing hand grasp and building strength
- Expose your child to different textures/texture words: soft hard wet, etc.
- Shorten or lengthen time to encourage success with sitting at the table and focused attention
- Sharpen visual motor skills, targeting different areas on the paper



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