

# PRESCHOOL EXPLORERS

24 TO 36  
MONTHS  
TRADITIONAL

## CINNAMOM PAINTING

### MATERIALS:

- CLEAR CONTACT PAPER
- TAPE
- PERMANENT MARKER
- FALL LEAVES COLLECTED FROM OUTSIDE, AND OTHER SMALL ITEMS LIKE CRAFT POMPOM BALLS OR FOAM SHAPES THAT WILL STICK TO THE CONTACT PAPER

### OBJECTIVES:

- EXPLORATION OF SEASONS AND NATURE
- COLOR EXPLORATION AND RECOGNITION
- SENSORY EXPLORATION: TOUCH, SIGHT
- FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
- SELF-ESTEEM

### INSTRUCTIONS:

THIS ACTIVITY IS PERFECT FOR BUSY TWO YEAR OLDS AS THEY BEGIN TO EXPLORE THEIR ABILITIES AND WANT TO "HELP" DO THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO "HELP" DECORATE AGAIN AND AGAIN AND CAN PROVIDE HOURS OF FUN AND LEARNNG. THIS IS A GREAT ACTIVITY FOR OLDER CHILDREN AS WELL.

- GO ON A HUNT OUTSIDE TO COLLECT FALL LEAVES! TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT HOW WHEN THE SEASON BEGINS TO CHANGE TO FALL, LEAVES GET BROWN, YELLOW, RED, AND CRUNCHY!
- GATHER OTHER LIGHTWEIGHT CRAFT ITEMS LIKE POMPOM BALLS AND FOAM SHAPES
- DRAW A LARGE OUTLINE OF A TREE, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A FANCY TREE! JUST A TRUNK/BASE AND A LARGE CIRCLE FOR THE TOP, AND CUT IT OUT
- PEEL OFF THE WAX PAPER FROM THE CONTACT PAPER TREE, AND THEN HANG YOUR TREE STICKY-SIDE-OUT FROM A DOOR, WALL OR WINDOW USING TAPE (YOU CAN ALSO USE DOUBLE-SIDED TAPE IF IT IS EASIER)
- SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW THE LEAVES AND OTHER CRAFT ITEMS STICK TO THE CONTACT PAPER TREE! YOU CAN STICK ON, PEEL OFF, AND RESTICK AS MANY TIMES AS YOU'D LIKE! EVENTUALLY, THE TREE MAY LOOSE SOME STICKINESS IF YOU ARE APPLYING AND REMOVING A LOT.
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO DECORATE AND REDECORATE THEIR TREE! DON'T FORGET TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND THE ITEMS THEY ARE USING LIKE "WOW! I LIKE THAT YOU USED BROWN AND RED LEAVES ON YOUR TREE!" AND ASK QUESTIONS LIKE "WHAT COLORS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR TREE?"

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