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AUTUMN TREE PAINTING

Explore a fun new painting technique with the colors of fall.

MATERIALS

- Construction paper (any light color)
- Paint palette (or a dish covered in foil)
- Paint: red, yellow, black
- Paintbrush
- Clothespins (3)
- Cotton balls (3)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, you need to prepare your palette.
Add a quarter size amount of black, red, and yellow paint. Then add a mix of yellow and red to make orange. Hint: start with yellow, then slowly mix in small drops of red until you've made orange.
2. With a paintbrush and black paint, create a simple tree trunk with several branches. Let this dry before moving on.
3. While you wait, make cotton ball paintbrushes by attaching one cotton ball to each clothespin. No clothespins? Kids can practice their fine motor skills by using their fingers.
4. Starting with red, add leaves to your tree by dabbing the cotton ball into paint and then onto the paper. Spread the leaves around the tree. Follow this process with orange and then yellow.



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