

July - Fireworks Painting

Curbside Crafts 4 Kids (CC4K)

CREATE YOUR OWN FIREWORKS PAINTING

Your kit includes a sheet of blank paper, one straw, and a set of 3 washable color paints. You will also need a small container of water. (For a young child, you can trim the straw down and poke a hole towards the top so the paint won't go back up the straw.)



1. Open one paint container.
2. Dip your straw into the water and cover the other end of it with your finger.
3. Transfer a drop of water into the paint pot and stir. Repeat. (Do this 2x with each color before using.)
4. Then transfer a drop of paint to your paper. Use the straw to blow paint out in different directions.
5. Try blowing in different directions or using the straw like a brush to spread lines out. Add more water drops if not spreading well. You can also tap the straw for a speckle effect.

FAB VOCAB!

Fireworks: an object containing gunpowder and other chemicals that causes an explosion when lit

Pyrotechnics: a display of fireworks

Independence Day (Fourth of July): a holiday that celebrates the creation of the United States of America

Declaration of Independence: a document that gave the United States freedom from British rule on July 4, 1776



DID YOU KNOW?



Fireworks have existed for over 2000 years! They were originally invented in China. People used to put bamboo shoots in fires, and the air in the hollow tubes would pop. Later, gunpowder was added to the bamboo shoots to make an explosion. *Baozhu* is a Mandarin Chinese word for firecracker. It means "exploding bamboo."

Fireworks are used often in celebrations around the world. Fireworks can be dangerous and should only be handled by adults.

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