

COLORS

ART

COLOR MIXING

Set out blue, red, and yellow paint. Let children experiment with mixing the colors to make orange, purple, and green. You may also want to put out white and black paint to let them experiment with making pale and dark colors.

SHAVING CREAM FUN

Add red and blue food coloring to shaving cream and have the children mix it to see what colors it makes.

KOOL-AID ART

Sprinkle a little dry Kool-Aid mix onto a piece of paper. Have your child spray water from a spray bottle onto the paper. Use different colored Kool-aid mix.

FROZEN PAINT



1. Put paint into an ice cube tray and cover with foil. (The foil will help stabilize the craft stick.)
2. Insert craft stick through foil into paint.
3. Freeze completely.
4. Remove from trays and paint! As the cubes melt, they change texture until they are liquid, again.

SONGS

HOORAY FOR CRAYONS (to tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you like to color with crayons, say "Hooray."
If you like to color with crayons, say "Hooray."
Yellow, green, blue, black and red—
Coloring's fun, that's what I said.
If you like to color with crayons, say "Hooray."

COLORS (to tune of "Here we go 'Round the Mulberry Bush")

Purple is made with red and blue,
Red and blue,
Red and blue.
Purple is made with red and blue,
Where is purple hiding?

Sing verses for other colors. Have children look for objects of the color mentioned.

TEN LITTLE COLORS (to tune of "Ten Little Indians")

One little, two little, three little colors
Four little, five little, six little colors
Seven little, eight little, nine little colors
Ten colors in a row.

Red and blue and yellow, 1, 2, 3,
Green and orange and purple 4, 5, 6
Brown and white and black 7, 8, 9
Just one more to go

One more color to make all ten,
Which shall I choose? How will it end?
I think I'll pick pink. Can we sing it again?
I love my colors so!

LET'S HUNT FOR COLORS (to tune of The Farmer in the Dell)

Let's hunt for colors here.
Let's hunt for colors there.
Heigh-ho, and off we go,
Let's hunt them everywhere.

Do you see red or blue?
Or yellow, orange, or green?
Purple, brown, or black, or white?
Or any in between?

Let's hunt for colors here.
Let's hunt for colors there.
Heigh-ho, and off we go,
Let's hunt them everywhere.

NOTE: Make a toy binoculars for children by taping 2 tissue tubes together. As you sing, let children look through binoculars for different colors. Take turns spying a color and letting other children guess where it is.

Red (to tune of "Three Blind Mice")

Red, red, red.
Red, red, red.
What is red?
What is red?
Apples, cherries, and-me, oh my-
Tomatoes to bake in a pizza pie.
Red is the color, and that is why
We like red.

YELLOW (to tune of "If you're Happy and You Know It")
Y-e-l-l-o-w spells yellow.
Y-e-l-l-o-w spells yellow.
Like the early morning sun,
When the day has just begun,
Y-e-l-l-o-w spells yellow.
Daffodils and baby ducks are yellow.
Lemonade and scrambled eggs are yellow.
I like the smiley face that's yellow. He is such a happy fellow.
Y-e-l-l-o-w spells yellow.

YELLOW (to tune of "Baa, Baa Black Sheep")
Yellow, yellow is the sun.
Shining down on everyone.
Y-e-l-l-o-w, Y-e-l-l-o-w
Yellow, yellow is the sun.
Shine on me so I can have fun...

BLUE (to tune of "The Farmer In The Dell")
B-l-u-e spells blue.
B-l-u-e spells blue.
Hi! Ho! Did you know?
B-l-u-e spells blue.
The big sky is blue.
The ocean is too.
Hi! Ho! Did you know?
B-l-u-e spells blue.

BLUE (to tune of "Are you Sleeping?")
B-L-U-E .B-L-U-E
That spells blue!
That spells blue!
Buttons are blue.
Eyes are too.
Blue, blue, blue,
Blue, Blue, Blue

GREEN (to tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")
G-r-e-e-n. G-r-e-e-n
I know how to spell green.
G-r-e-e-n
Caterpillars are green,
And grasshoppers too.
I know how to spell green.
G-r-e-e-n

GREEN (to tune of "BINGO")

There is a color we all know

Can you guess what it is?

G-R-E-E-N

G-R-E-E-N

G-R-E-E-N

Green is what that spells.

The grass and leaves outside

Are green as green as they can be.

G-R-E-E-N

G-R-E-E-N

G-R-E-E-N

Green is what that spells!

ORANGE (to tune of "Ten Little Indians")

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

Orange like the fruit you like to eat.

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

Orange like Jack-O-lanterns bright.

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

O-R-A-N-G-E ORANGE

ORANGE (to tune of "Ten Little Indians")

O-r-a-n-g-e

O-r-a-n-g-e

O-r-a-n-g-e

Orange is what that spells.

Jack-o-lanterns are always orange.

Carrots are always orange.

Oranges are always orange.

O-r-a-n-g-e

PURPLE (to tune of "This Old Man")

P - U - R - P - L - E

Spells the color purple you see.

Like the grapes on a vine,

Or some plums in a tree.

P - U - R - P - L - E

PURPLE (to tune of "Turkey in the Straw")
P-U-R-P-L-E Can you guess what that spells?
P-U-R-P-L-E Do you know what that spells?
Yes purples what that spells.
Like the grapes on the vine.
Yes purple's what it spells.
Like the Kool-aid in your glass.
P-U-R-P-L-E
Yes purple that does spell.
P-U-R-P-L-E
That is all I have to tell!

BROWN (to tune of "Bingo")
There is a color we all know.
Can you guess what it is?
B-r-o-w-n,
B-r-o-w-n,
B-r-o-w-n,
That's how you spell brown.
Teddy bears and squirrels are brown.
Autumn leaves are too.
Chocolate candy is always brown.
Chocolate cake is always brown.
Chocolate milk is always brown.
I like brown, don't you?

BROWN (to tune of "The Farmer and the Dell")

B-R-O-W-N
B-R-O-W-N
B-R-O-W-N
That's how you spell brown.
Big Trees are brown.
Big trees are brown.
B-R-O-W-N
Big trees are brown,
And Acorns are brown.
Yes, acorns are brown
B-R-O-W-N
That's how you spell brown!

BLACK (to tune of "She'll Be Coming 'Round The Mountain")

B-l-a-c-k spells black.
B-l-a-c-k spells black.
Scary cats are black.
Flying bats are black.
Santa's boots are black.
I like black.
B-l-a-c-k spells black.
B-l-a-c-k spells black.
Sunday shoes are black.
Jelly beans are black.
B-l-a-c-k spells black.

BLACK (to tune of "Put Your Little Foot")

B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
Spells Black.
B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
Spells Black.
Hats are black.
Some cats are black.
Yes both of these are black.
So if you really, really like black,
What you need to know is that
B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
Spells Black.
B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
B-L-A-C-K
Spells Black!

I'M A LITTLE CRAYON (to tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little crayon (point to self)
Straight and bright (stand tall with arms at side)
Here is my wrapper (rub tummy)
Here's where I write. (tap top of head)
When I get picked up, I shout hooray! (jump and give a silent cheer)
I get to share my color today! (wiggle and wave arms overhead)

SNACKS

RAINBOW SNACK

Serve different colored Jell-O.

COLORFUL SALAD

Make a salad of green lettuce, purple cabbage, red tomatoes, yellow squash, orange carrots, and white cucumber

OTHER FUN STUFF

COLOR MIXING

1. Put ½ cup shaving cream in Ziploc bag.
2. Have child add 2 drops of food coloring
3. Seal bag
4. Have child knead bag to mix colors.
5. Experiment with mixing

DIFFERENT SHADES OF COLORS

Give a white ice cube tray to the child and fill the first three holes with red, yellow and blue water. Give the child an eye-dropper (or medicine dropper) and let them mix the colors in the empty spaces. This will create many shades of colors.

COLOR CHANGING

Make red, yellow and blue ice cubes using food coloring and water. Place one red and yellow in a Ziploc baggie, one red and blue in a Ziploc baggie, and yellow and blue, and just for fun one of each color in one bag. Place them in the science area, as the colored ice cubes melt they create new colors. Have the children keep going back to check on the process!

MAGIC WATER

Put blue food coloring in small, clear jar filled with water. Put yellow food coloring in another small jar of water. Pour yellow water into blue water to make green appear. Try it with yellow and red, and red and blue.

COLORED FLOWERS

Cut the end of a stem off a white flower. Put the flower into a vase of colored water. Watch the flower every day. The color will be pulled up into the flower.

I SPY

Recite following poem, "I spy with my little eye, something _____" Fill in blank with color of object you are thinking of. Have kids take turns trying to guess what you are thinking of.

CRAYON COSTUMES

Invite children to come to school dressed in their favorite color. Make each child a cone-shaped paper hat to match his clothing. Take pictures of the "crayons" all lined up.

CRAYON POINTERS

Let children take turns choosing a crayon and walking around the room touching everything that is the same color as the crayon. As a group, name the color each time the child touches something.

FIND THE COLORS

Hide crayons around the room, trying to place them near items that are the same color. Have the kids locate the crayons, name the color, and match them to the item.

FINGERTIP MATCHUP

Use washable markers to draw different colored dots on the fingertips of child's right hand. On child's left hand, draw dots of matching colors in a different order. Let child match up the colors by touching together the corresponding colored fingers. Draw dots on your own fingertips and invite child to try matching fingers with you. With child walk around room and touch fingertips to matching colored objects.

TOYS OF MANY COLORS

On the floor, lay out three pieces of construction paper, one red, one yellow, and one blue. Set out a small red toy, a small yellow toy, and a small blue toy. Talk with children about the colors of the papers and the toys. Invite children to place toys on the matching-colored papers. When they have finished, re-arrange the positions of the papers, mix up the toys, and begin again. Set out more colors and include more than one toy for each color for a slightly more challenging game.

MORE FUN...

1. Go on a color walk – choose a toy of a certain color to go with you. As you walk, talk about the items you see that are the same color as the toy.
2. Have a color search – carry a basket around the room looking for toys and objects that are alike in color.

SCAT THE CAT

(To supplement the following story, make identical cats in following colors...black, green, blue, yellow, red. As you tell story.)

Once upon a time there was a little BLACK cat & his name was Scat the Cat. One day he looked around & saw that all his brothers & sisters & friends were black, too. Scat decided he would like to be a different color so he said:

"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy & fat,
And I can change my color,
Just like that!" (snap fingers)

All of a sudden he was GREEN like the trees & grass. He went out to play with his friends, but they couldn't find him because he was the color of the trees & grass. He was very unhappy & decided he didn't want to be green anymore, so he said:

"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy & fat,
And I can change my color,
Just like that!" (snap fingers)

Then Scat turned BLUE like the water, the sky. He walked to the lake, looked at himself, & fell in the water! But poor Scat couldn't swim...he called for help but his friends couldn't see him because he was blue like the water. Just then his friend, Timothy Turtle, caught him and carried him safely to shore. Scat didn't want to be blue anymore, so he said:

"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy and fat,
And I can change my color,
Just like that!" (snap fingers)

Then Scat turned YELLOW like the sun. On his way through the jungle, he met his cousin Leo the Lion. Leo said, "Grrrrrrrr! I'm the only one who is supposed to be yellow." Scat was so afraid that he said:

"I'm Scat the Cat,
I'm sassy and fat,
And I can change my color,
Just like that!" (snap fingers)

Next, Scat turned RED like an apple. He went out to play with his brothers & sisters & friends, but they all laughed at him. "Who ever heard of a red cat," they said. No one played with him & he felt so sad. "I don't want to be red. I don't want to be yellow like Leo the Lion, I don't want to be blue like the water, and I don't want to be green like the grass. I want to be black, again. So he said: (Repeat the verse.) Scat changed back to BLACK & after that he was happy just being himself.

FINGERPLAYS

MY FAVORITE COLOR

My favorite color is pink, I think; (Finger on chin, confused)
But red is pretty, too. (Smile)
It's one or the other unless I discover (Extend right hand out, then left)
I'm suddenly partial to blue! (Shrug shoulders)

FIVE LITTLE COLORS

(Hold up fingers or make a flannelboard)

5 little colors, waiting in a row.
The 1st one said, "I'm red, you know!"
The 2nd one said, "I'm green like a tree!"
The 3rd one said, "I'm blue like the sea."
The 4th one said, "I'm as yellow as the sun."
The 5th one said, "Being purple is fun!"
5 little crayons, happy as can be,
Coloring pictures with you and me!

5 LITTLE CRAYONS

(Make fingertip-sized cones from yellow, blue, orange, red, and green
Put on fingertips for this fingerplay)

5 little crayons colored a scene (hold up hand)
Yellow, Blue, Orange, Red and Green. (wiggle each finger)
"Look," said Yellow, "My sun is bright!" (move yellow in circle to make sun)
"Blue said, "Great! My river's just right!" (Wiggle blue back and forth like a river)
Orange said, "Flowers! I'll draw a few." (wiggle orange)
"Nice," said Red, "I'll add some, too." (wiggle red)
"Sigh," said Green. "I'm tired of trees
And grass and bushes and tiny leaves.
I Think I'll draw a big green cloud!
A big green cloud should be allowed!" (draw cloud in air)
The crayons all smiled and didn't think twice. (wiggle fingers)
A big green cloud sounded rather nice! (wave hand)

COLOR BOOKS

CALL NUMBER	AUTHOR	TITLE
J 513 RYA J 535 – 535.6	Ryan	Crayon Counting Book This Section Contains Books On Color And Light.
J 551.5 FOW	Fowler	All The Colors Of The Rainbow
J 591.4 STE	Stewart	Why Are Animals Blue
J 591.4 STE	Stewart	Why Are Animals Orange
J 591.4 STE	Stewart	Why Are Animals Purple
J 591.4 STE	Stewart	Why Are Animals Red
J 741.23 NEL	Nelson	From Wax To Crayon
J 745.5 ROS	Ross	Kathy Ross Crafts – Colors
J 752 HAS	Haskins	Color Seems
J 759.94 GOH	Van Gogh	Vincent's Colors
E ANDERSON	Anderson	Prince's New Pet
E ANHOLT	Anholt	Tom's Rainbow Walk
E ARNOLD	Arnold	Vincent Paints His House
E AUSTIN	Austin	Monsters Love Colors
E BADESCU	Badescu	Pomelo Explores Color
E BASSEDE	Bassedede	George Paints His House
E BAUER	Bauer	One Brown Bunny
E BEAUMONT	Beaumont	I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!
E BOND	Bond	Paddington's Colors
E BOYD	Boyd	Black Dog Red House
E BORANDO	Borando	White Book
E BROWN	Brown	Color Kittens
E BROWN	Brown	My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood
E CARLE	Carle	Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse
E CARLE	Carle	Hello, Red Fox
E CARLE	Carle	Mixed-Up Chameleon
E CATALANOTTO	Catalanotto	Kitten Red Yellow Blue
E COTTIN	Cottin	Black Book Of Colors
E CREWS	Crews	Freight Train
E DAVIS	Davis	Party Animals
E DAYWALT	Daywalt	Day The Crayons Quit
E DENOS	Denos	Swatch – The Girl Who Loved Color
E DEROLF	DeRolf	Crayon Box That Talked
E DOBBINS	Dobbins	Driving My Tractor
E DODD	Dodd	Dog's Colorful Day
E DUNBAR	Dunbar	Flyaway Kate
E EASTMAN	Eastman	Go Dog, Go
E EDWARDS	Edwards	Warthogs Paint
E EHLERT	Ehlert	Color Farm

E EHLERT	Ehlert	Planting A Rainbow
E ERICSSON	Ericsson	Piece Of Chalk
E FEENEY	Feeney	Hawaii Is A Rainbow
E FICOCELLI	Ficocelli	Kid Tea
E FISHER	Fisher	Everything I Need To Know Before I'm Five
E FLEMING	Fleming	Lunch
E FLEMING	Fleming	Maggie And Michael Get Dressed
E FOLEY	Foley	Purple Little Bird
E FREYMANN	Freymann	Gus And Button
E GIBBS	Gibbs	I Spy With My Little Eye
E GONZALEZ	Gonzalez	My Colors, My World = Mis Colores, Mi Mundo
E GRACE	Grace	Caterpillar Dance
E GRAVETT	Gravett	Blue Chameleon
E HALL	Hall	It's An Orange Aardvark!
E HALL	Hall	Red – A Crayon's Story
E HELLER	Heller	Goblins In Green
E HOBAN	Hoban	Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue?
E HOLM	Holm	Zoe's Hats
E HOLWITZ	Holwitz	Big Blue Spot
E HOPGOOD	Hopgood	Wow! Said The Owl
E HUTCHINS	Hutchins	Snap!
E JACKSON	Jackson	Brown Cow, Green Grass, Yellow Mellow Sun
E JAY	Jay	Red Green Blue
E JONAS	Jonas	Color Dance
E KANN	Kann	Pinkalicious (Series)
E KHAN	Khan	Golden Domes And Silver Lanterns
E KLAUSMEIER	Klausmeier	Open This Little Book
E KOCHALKA	Kochalka	Squirrelly Gray
E KONO	Kono	Every Color
E KWIAT	Kwiat	Cookie Monster's Busy Day
E LEUCK	Leuck	Teeny Tiny Mouse
E LIONNI	Lionni	Little Blue And Little Yellow
E LITWIN	Litwin	I Love My White Shoes
E LOBEL	Lobel	10 Hungry Rabbits
E LOBEL	Lobel	One Lighthouse One Moon
E LOPSHIRE	Lopshire	Put Me In The Zoo
E LUJAN	Lujan	Colors! Colores!
E MARTIN	Martin	Beasty Story
E MARTIN	Martin	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See
E MATTHIAS	Matthias	Too Many Balloons
E MCKEE	McKee	Elmer (series)
E MCMILLAN	McMillan	Growing Colors
E MILICH	Milich	City Colors
E MOCKFORD	Mockford	Cleo's Color Book
E MUNSCH	Munsch	Purple, Green And Yellow
E NAPOLI	Napoli	Pink Magic

E NEUBECKER	Neubecker	Courage Of The Blue Boy
E NORMAN	Norman	I Know A Wee Piggy
E OTOSHI	Otoshi	One
E PALLOTTA	Pallotta	Icky Bug Colors
E PARK	Park	What Does Bunny See
E PEDERSEN	Pedersen	Millie In The Meadow
E PETERS	Peters	We're Rabbits
E PINKNEY	Pinkney	Rainbow All Around Me
E PORTIS	Portis	Penguin Story
E RATHMELL	German	Octavia And Her Purple Ink Cloud
E REASONER	Reasoner	One Blue Fish
E REED	Reed	Color Chaos!
E REISS	Reiss	Colors
E ROCKWELL	Rockwell	Willy Can Count
E ROOT	Root	Soggy Saturday
E ROTNER	Rotner	Shades Of People
E RUBINGER	Rubinger	I Dream Of An Elephant
E RUSCH	Rusch	Day With No Crayons
E SATTLER	Sattler	Sylvie
E SEEGER	Seeger	Lemons Are Not Red
E SEUSS	Seuss	My Many Colored Days
E SHAHAN	Shahan	Spicy Hot Colors = Colores Picantes
E SHANNON	Shannon	White Is For Blueberry
E SIDMAN	Sidman	Red Sings From Treetops – A Year In Colors
E SIMMONS	Simmons	Alice And Greta's Color Magic
E SIS	Sis	Ballerina
E SLATER	Slater	Baby Shoes
E SMYTHE	Smythe	Chester's Colorful Eggs
E SPANYOL	Spanyol	Carlo Likes Colors
E SPIER	Spier	Oh, Were They Ever Happy
E SPURR	Spurr	Farm Life
E STROM	Strom	Rainbow Joe And Me
E TAFURI	Tafari	Blue Goose
E TELCHIN	Telchin	Black And White Factory
E THOMAS	Thomas	Winnie The Witch
E THONG	Thong	Green Is A Chile Pepper – A Book Of Colors
E THONG	Thong	Red Is A Dragon
E TIDHOLM	Tidholm	Knock! Knock!
E TIMMERS	Timmers	Bang
E TRIPP	Tripp	Penguins Paint
E TULLET	Tullet	Mix It Up!
E VANALLSBURG	Van Allsburg	Bad Day At Riverbend
E WALSH	Walsh	Mouse Magic
E WALSH	Walsh	Mouse Paint
E WARNER	Warner	World Of Food
E WATT	Watt	Leon The Chameleon

E WEEKS	Weeks	Counting Ovejas
E WILLIAMS	Williams	I Went Walking
E WILLIAMS	Williams	Painted Dreams
E WILSON	Wilson	April Wilson's Magpie Magic
E WILSON	Wilson	Bear Sees Colors
E WITTE	Witte	Parrot Tico Tango
E WOLFF	Wolff	Baby Bear Sees Blue
E WOOD	Wood	Deep Blue Sea – A Book Of Colors
E YING	Ying	Not Quite Black And White
E YOUNG	Young	My Blue Is Happy
E ZIEFERT	Ziefert	Lunchtime For A Purple Snake

SOUND RECORDINGS

J MARTIN	Brown Bear And Friends
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DVD's

J 371.9 SPE	Special Kids, Shapes And Colors
J 649.46 FUN	Fundamentals
J 700 ART	Artsee Smartsee
J 791.43 BRA	Brainy Baby – Shapes And Colors
J 791.43 COL	Colors And Shapes Circus
J 791.43 LET	Let's Learn Colors
J 791.43 VER	Very Hungry Caterpillar And Other Stories (Mixed-Up Chameleon)

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