

Vroom Vroom Vehicle Prints

Discover painting with toy cars and express yourself through painting!

Big Idea

Students will explore art, colors, lines and motion by using toy cars to paint various designs on their own paper.

Illinois Early Learning Standards

11.A.ECg Generate explanations and communicate ideas and/or conclusions about their investigations	Students will make predictions about color mixing and rolling their cars in the paint.
25.B.ECa Describe or respond to their creative work or the creative work of others.	Students will analyze and describe their artwork to others.
25.A.ECd Investigate and participate in activities using visual arts materials	Students will engage with the various colors and materials to create their artwork.

Materials

- Plates or paint mats
- Toy cars of different sizes
- Paper
- Smock
- Tarp, newspaper, or trays to line the painting table
- Multiple colored paints

Setup

At a table lined with newspaper or tarp, set out the different paint colors with multiple toy cars of different sizes at each one. In front of every child, set a piece of paper. Have the children write their names on the back of the paper before they begin painting and the paper becomes oversaturated.

Directions

1. Have the children sit down at the table and begin by picking up a toy car and rolling the tires in the paint.
2. The students can explore motion and what happens when they roll the car on their paper.
3. They can also make different car sounds as they roll the car across their paper. Children can also make predictions and guesses about what will happen if the colors or tire patterns get mixed together.

4. The wheel on the car is a simple machine with a wheel and axle rotating around. Children can also explore using other circle objects and see how they behave without an axle.

Investigation Questions:

- *What do you notice?*
- *What happens when the car is rolled in paint?*
- *What happens when the car wheels turn?*
- *What changes do you see happening to your paper?*
- *Can you make the car move straight, curve, wiggle, or spin in a circle?*