

Sand Art and Design HINTS & TIPS

Sandart is a fun and creative activity that will have children enthralled and amazed at their own talent. There are no mistakes and they are only limited by their own imagination. Be as colourful and bright as you like.

Hours of fun for boys and girls, Sand Art is a great activity to do on your own, or with a whole group of friends.

Some suggestions:

1. Have a pre designed picture or one the children have sketched and carefully apply glue to the sections of your pattern that will be covered with the same colour sand. Make a paper funnel and slowly spread the coloured sand on the glued areas. Allow the glue to dry and carefully brush away any excess sand. Continue filling in your pattern or picture using only one colour of sand at a time.
2. Mix sand with craft glue and the children can then paint their own masterpiece..
3. Children can make their own sand designs in plastic jars or bottles, carefully pour sand into a glass jar in layers to make a pretty decoration, by giving it a slight shake you can also achieve a marbled effect. If you add a layer of soil on top of your layers of coloured sand, you can grow small cactus plants in the jar.
4. Balloon sand art - Each child chooses a colour or several colours to fill a balloon, hang all balloons above the ground over a large piece of paper with glue painted on it and let the children burst their balloons so all the children's sand falls in various positions to form a team design. Cut the masterpiece into sections and each child can take a piece of the art home.

Tip: Always start with darker colours first and if using white sand leave it until last.

Art

Coloured sand is used in moving sand art pictures. It is also used on canvas as an added texture to paints, crayons and charcoal.

Another amazing way to paint with coloured sand is with acrylics on sand. It is approximately 90% sand and 10% acrylic, which gives a stunning effect.

