

Programming Ideas - Cultural Activities

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| Activity Name | World Hand Print Mural |
| Country/Culture/Language/Religion | International/ Multicultural |
| Special Comments | Suitable for any age group |



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| Aim | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide varied experiences • To explore cultural diversity • For children to enjoy a sensory experience |
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| Developmental Areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive • Social • Language • Emotional • Fine Motor • Gross Motor |
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| Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure paint is non-toxic • If doing foot prints watch for slipping hazards • If cleaning up with a bucket of water supervise carefully |
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| Required Materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large piece of calico • Range of skin toned paint colours (white, yellow, red, brown and black can be mixed together to create a variety of skin tones) • Cleaning up materials |
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| <p>Method</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare the different colours,• Spread out the calico on the floor, ensure plenty of room,• Allow children to dip hands into paint or paint hands with a paint brush,• Print hands onto the calico,• Feet may also be painted. Children can walk across the fabric. |
| <p>Ideas for extending the activity</p> | <p>Children can 'match' their handprints with those on the Mural. Encourage discussion about different sizes and structures of handprints from people of different age groups.</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to talk about how we all are different and what similarities we have, about how the environment has an impact on our bodies.</p> <p>To strengthen the discussion follow it up with games and story book time about people of different ages, from different cultures wearing different clothes, doing different or similar things.</p> |