



Ages: 2-5 yrs.

Time Required: 10-20 min

Discovery Time: Trees!

Learn about trees and paint with their fruits!

Materials

- Fruits like oranges, grapefruits, or any type of fleshy fruit (be mindful of allergies).
- Paper or cloth
- Paint
- Sponge and/or paint brush

Try this!

Step 1: Gather fruit, paper, and paint.

Step 2: Cut the fruit in half.

Step 3: Using a sponge, or brush add paint to the cut surface.

Step 4: Press your fruit onto the fabric or paper.

Step 5: It's fun to create with fruit!



What's going on?

Trees have strong sturdy trunks that keep them standing, and soft leaves that they use to make food. Many trees produce flowers, that can range in different colors and sizes. Trees also produce seeds, like those found in prickly pinecones. We get many things from trees that we use, like fruit that we can eat. Trees also give us wood, which comes from the strong trunks of trees, and we can use it to build things, like our homes. But of course, trees are most well-known for providing a huge percentage of the oxygen that we breath. They also improve the quality of the air that we breath, they help conserve and preserve water and soils and they support wildlife.

Extension Activity

Explore colors! What happens when you mix different colors? See if you can mix some colors to match the color of the fruit that you are using. You can also explore the prints of different types

of fruits! Does the same type of fruits make similar prints? What makes the print of each fruit look different?

Additional Resources

You can visit <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/educators/resource/discovery-time-trees/> to learn more about trees and see a step-by-step guide on how to make this activity! You can also check out other cool activities and tips on how to explore the outdoors with toddlers.

Supporting Stories:

A Log's Life by Wendy Pfeffer

The Busy Tree by Jennifer Ward

The Tree Book for Kids and Their Grown-Ups by Gina Ingolia