

## 11 creative resources for painting

Encourage children to have fun with a range of different materials and explore the different effects each tool offers.

Tools to explore painting different textures with include:

1. Toothbrushes and scrubbing brushes
2. Hairbrushes and combs
3. Plastic cutlery
4. Sensory toys and bouncy balls
5. Lollipop sticks, cotton buds, cocktail sticks and toothpicks
6. Straws and potato mashers
7. Twigs, feathers, leaves, flowers and herbs
8. Pegs, elastic bands, string, and sticky tape
9. Bundles of hay
10. Different sized sponges
11. Spray bottles.



Use elastic bands, string, sticky tape or clothes pegs to attach leaves, feathers, herbs or flowers to sticks. This encourages development in children's finger muscles.

Try the different tools and see what marks they make. They will all have different shapes and patterns. Encourage children to notice the marks each resource makes to promote language development.

Are there any other ways you could attach natural resources to sticks? Talk to your children about what other natural materials you could be used.