


ideas by the Bushel



Let's explore the colors of fall with these art activities we picked just for you!  You will need sandwich sized Ziploc bags and small bottles of green, orange, yellow, red, and brown paint. Talk about how leaves change colors in the fall and then explore how to create new colors by mixing paints together. Let your child choose two colors of paint to squirt into a Ziploc bag. Seal the bag shut and tell your child to squeeze all over the bag until the two colors begin to make a new color. Do this activity with as many colors as your child likes!



Squeeze all of your new colors out of the Ziploc bags onto separate areas of a piece of cardboard. This will become your child's color palette. Trace around your child's arm, hand, and fingers to create a tree trunk and branches. Help your child create their own paintbrushes by clipping cotton balls onto wooden clothespins. Your child will dip the cotton balls into the colors on their art palette and dot the colors on the tree branches to fill the tree with fall leaves!



While the tree is drying, help your child cut leaf shapes using paper towels or coffee filters and then have them color the leaves with markers. Next, have your child squirt water from a small water bottle to mix all of the colors together. Let the leaves dry on a hard surface that you don't mind the colors bleeding into.



Now, put it all together!! First, take a large, round paper plate and cut a circle out of the middle. Cut around the tree trunk and leaves so they tree stands alone. Pour glue all over the paper plate and let your child place colored leaves on the plate until it is fully covered. The leaves can overlap. Finally, place a dot of glue at the top and the bottom of the plate and glue the tree straight through the middle. You now have a fall wreath to hang on your child's bedroom door!