



Painting with Toy Cars

For this project you will need:

- paint (whatever you have at home should work, we suggest tempera)
- paper plate
- toy cars (or other plastic toys with interesting textures)
- paper (printer paper, wrapping paper, butcher paper, paper bags, etc.)
- markers, crayons, or colored pencils (optional)

1. Set out your paper canvas. Using markers, crayons, colored pencils, or a combination of all three, design a map for your toy cars to travel on. You can draw your city and add your favorite store, restaurant, school, house, monument, building, park, and road signs. You can also create a city from your imagination!
2. Pour a little bit of each paint color onto a paper plate. Run your toy car through the paint and then place it on your map. As you roll the car on the map, your map will be painted with your car as the brush!
3. Experiment with mixing colors, making different patterns, and using other small plastic toys with different textures. For example, dinosaur feet, balls, blocks, etc.
4. You can also use your toy cars to paint on paper bags. Let them dry and use them later as unique lunch sacks or gift bags. Or just paint with your cars on regular printer paper and showcase your artwork on the refrigerator!