SPARK: Simple Play Adaptations to Reference for Kids

Creative Paint and Dough Design Tools

(Art – COE Kit)

Description:	Image:
Use these 11 durable clay/dough texture and impression tools to mold, print, and form clay or paint creations that are fun to touch and see. Each of the 11 pieces creates a different impression. Made of durable plastic with easy to grasp handles, the tools are clean the tools with soap and water. Clay and dough not included.	 Purchasing Information

Who Might Benefit?

Those who…

- Create various designs by pressing roller into dough or paint.
- Work on grip/hand strength.
- Produce art projects that do not require a refined grasp (e.g. pencils, markers, paint brushes).
- Engage in art activities.

Why Use?

Provides an opportunity to…

- Have difficulty holding small stamps or crafting tools.
- Experience motor challenges that interfere with using their hands to roll or pat dough or hold, pencils, markers, paint brushes
- Do not enjoy touching play dough.

Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • Consider a designated area for dough play which might include an easy to clean mat or a cookie sheet. • Avoid carpeted areas. **Positioning** • These dough or paint stamps and rollers can potentially be used in a variety of positions; however, it is important that the user(s) are able to view them and reach them easily.	**Optional Additional Materials/Supplies** • Wikki Stix • Sand or shaving cream • Shallow rimmed tray (e.g. cookie sheet) **Build It Up** • Build up handles with Wikki Stix or rubber bands. **Stabilize It** • Fill a shallow container with dough, varying thickness of layer of dough so that stamps

- Dough play works best when dough is placed on a solid, flat surface (ex. tabletop, floor, tray, slant board).
- Consider a slant board or easel when used with paint.

Alternate Positioning

- Consider a slant board or easel when used with paint.

Basic Play/Use

- Provide dough and paint rollers and stamps without specific directions, allow children to explore rollers/stamps and design combinations.

Extended Play/Use

- Provide laminated cards with pattern designs for children to match what is shown on the card(s).

Play/Use with Others

- Pair children and encourage turn taking to create designs using the Easy-Grip Creative Paint and Dough Design Rollers.
- Produce a class mural as backdrop for art project or theme-related materials display.

Additional Considerations:

Ohio Early Learning Standards

- CR: Artistic Engagement and Expression: Expresses ideas and feelings through visual art (1.a.).

result in clear impressions of the selected design.

- Anchor paint paper with tape or on clipboard or easel so that it does not shift when using rolling tools.

Simplify It

- Offer only one or just a few design tools at a time, so that the child can experience success creating clear impressions in the dough or with the paint before adding additional design tools.

Contain it

- Place dough and rollers on a rimmed cookie sheet or box lid so that the area for roller use is defined and contained.

Add Sensory Cues

- Add textures to the handles of the rollers for additional sensory information.
- Provide other substances to use with rollers and stamps such as damp sand, paint, or shaving cream.
- Explore various doughs/recipes (e.g. Kool Aid Play Dough) to add texture, scents, etc.

Communication Support

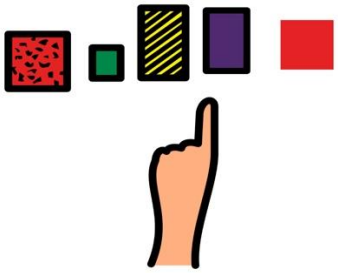
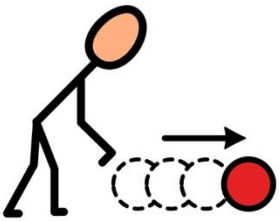
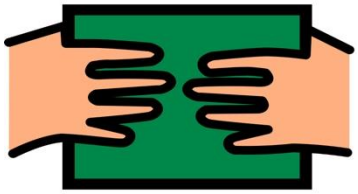
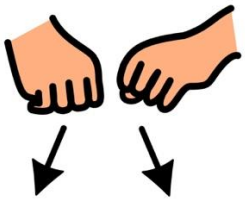
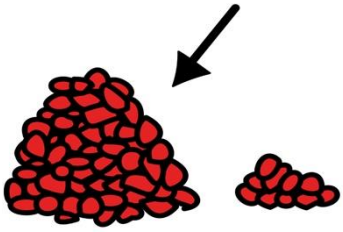
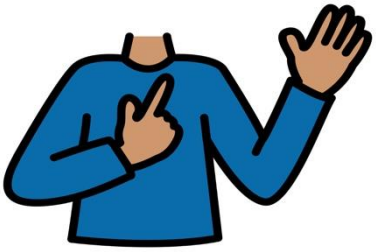
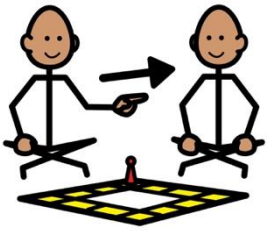
- Provide paper-based communication board with activity related words such as color words, help, more, finished, stop, go, etc.

DIY Alternatives

- Experiment with DIY play dough recipes.
- Use design tools with washable ink pad and paper.
- Make play dough rollers using cardboard rolls from masking tape, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, or parchment paper (These rolls are thicker than toilet paper or paper towel rolls, so they're easier to use without squishing the play dough.).
- Add texture to cardboard rolls by adding dots or designs with a hot glue gun.

Words to Encourage Play/Use

- May also include color words (for making paint color choices)

Choose/Pick 	Roll 	Push 
Stamp 	Hold 	Try 
Again 	More 	Finished 
My turn 	Your turn 	

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