Swirl Art with Buddy Button

(Art Kit – EC COE)

Description:	Image:
The Swirl Art kit includes 12 paints in 6 colors, 30 sheets of paper, and a splash guard for mess-free fun. It is 12½"L x 9"W x 3"H and weighs 2½ lbs. It requires 2 C batteries. It is adapted with an 1/8" jack located on the side of the unit to be used with a switch (Buddy Button) to operate.	 Purchasing Information User's Manual

Who Might Benefit?

Those who…

- Need switch access to play or learn.
- Can adequately press to activate a mechanical switch.
- Show an interest in painting/art activities.

Why Use?

Provides an opportunity to…

- Create unique paintings by activating a switch.
- Practice using a switch.
- Independently produce artwork with set up.
- Experience cause and effect.
- Increase visual attention.

Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • This can be a messy activity. • Plug any capability switch into the 1/8" jack located on the side of the unit, make sure	**Optional Additional Materials/Supplies** • Velcro • Dycem or shelf liner

the switch is plugged in all the way. There should be no gaps between the connections, if there is a gap the Swirl Art will stay ON and your switch will have no control over the Swirl Art.
- Set the ON/OFF switch to OFF for external switch activation.
- Activating the external switch (Buddy Button) will start the Swirl Art spinning and stay on for as long as the switch is held down.
- Once the switch is released Swirl Art will turn OFF.
- Swirl Art can also be used without an external switch.

Positioning

- The child can be in any position where the Swirl Art with attached Buddy Button can rest on a flat surface, the child can view the Swirl Art in action, and they can access the switch. Typically, the child could be seated in a chair at a table, standing at a table with support if needed, or positioned in a standing table with a tray.

Alternate Positioning

- Alternate positioning could include side-lying, or propped Tummy Time position (prone), however as long as the Swirl Art and Buddy Button are set up on a flat surface and the child is able to see the device and access the Buddy Button.

Basic Play/Use

- Place a blank card on the spinner, plug in Buddy Button. When switch is activated, paint will splatter on the card as it spins around.

Extended Play/Use

- Swirl Art creations could be used to form a mural or cut in various shapes and combined to mimic Eric Carle illustrations.

Play/Use with Others

- Swirl Art be used in a turn-taking activity.

Stabilize It

- Non-skid matting, shelf liner, or velcro could be used under the switch to keep it from moving on a surface.
- Buddy Button can also be mounted onto a switch mounting arm (Ablenet Universal Switch Mounting Kit) so that it can be stabilized in various positions other than on a flat surface. Often these are used if a child has limited ability to reach with their arms and/or another body part is being used to activate the switch such as the cheek, knee, foot, etc. The optional switch mounting arms can be borrowed from the OCALI Lending library.

Add Sensory Cues

- Apply self-adhesive "jewels" from the Dollar Store, various textures or visual cues such as pictures to the Buddy Button to engage child's attention.

Communication Support

- Communication boards could be developed with keywords needed to engage in Swirl Art. See Additional Resources for sample art communication board.

Alternative Uses

- Other switches included in the switch access kit could be trialed if the Buddy Button switch is not successfully used by the child. The OCALI lending library also has several other kits with multiple types of switches that can be trialed.

DIY Alternatives

- Create your own switch adapted Swirl Art

Additional Considerations:

Additional Resources:

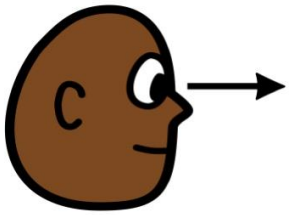
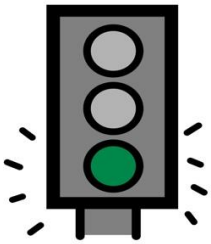
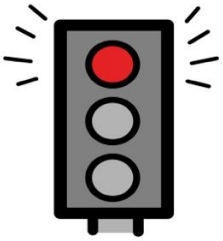
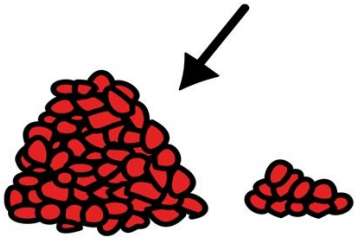
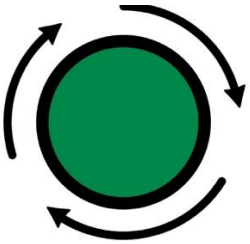
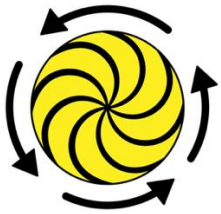
- Along with, or instead of an art communication board, consider creating a Choice Board so the child can choose from the available colors in the Swirl Art kit. The OCALI Autism Center Grab and Go Resource Gallery of Interventions has many choice board templates and examples that could be used to create the choice boards. Additionally, there are several examples of different ways choice boards can be effectively displayed.
- Free sample art communication board from LessonPix.com

Ohio Early Learning Standards

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

Words to Encourage Play/Use

- Consider adding color words related to the paint colors available.

Look 	Go 	Stop 
More 	Finished 	I like it! 
Pretty 	Oh-oh 	Spin 
Swirl 		

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