Triangle Grip Assorted Color Paint Brushes

(Art Kit – EC COE)

Description:	Image:
Start creativity early with these Triangle Grip Assorted Color Easy-Grip Paint Brushes for Smaller Hands. The soft rubber handled brushes are sized perfect for younger children. Each brush features a raised surface and triangular shape, making it easier to grasp. These brushes promote fine motor skills, dexterity, color recognition, and creativity.	Purchasing Information

Who Might Benefit?

Those who…

- Are sensory seekers.
- Hold their paint brush too tightly, making painting an uncomfortable activity.
- Tire when using their hands.
- Have reduced grip strength.
- Demonstrate motor challenges and can't hold a paintbrush in the typical way.

Why Use?

Provides an opportunity to…

- Grip paint brush comfortably.
- Receive extra sensory input while gripping the paint brush.
- Paint with a paint brush.
- Develop functional grasp for holding marking tools such as crayons, paintbrushes, pencils, etc.

Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • Triangle Assisted Paint Brushes can be used in any environment in which painting takes place.	**Optional Additional Materials/Supplies** • Slant board • Easel • Clip board

Positioning

- Can be used in any position conducive to painting activities (e.g., sitting at table, standing at easel, lying on tummy).
- Check table height. For children having trouble drawing or writing, it is possible that they are seated in a chair or at a table too high to provide the stability they need to control their paintbrush. See Correct Sitting Posture for Kids from https://developlearngrow.com.

Alternate Positioning

- Use paintbrush with paper anchored on a slant board.
- Tape paper on an easel or vertical plane (wall, filing cabinet, refrigerator) to help refine grasp and wrist position while using the Triangle Grip Assisted Paintbrush as well as help the child view what they are painting.

Basic Play/Use

- Can be used to encourage self-expression.
- Imitate prewriting strokes (lines, circle, cross, triangle, square).

Extended Play/Use

- Can be used to trace, copy and paint lines, and shapes.
- Paint letters and numerals.

Play/Use with Others

- Paint Tic Tac Toe
- Participate in creating murals

- Dycem
- Shelf liner
- Wikki Stix
- Pool noodle or fun foam

Build It Up

- Enlarge grip even more if indicated with Dycem, shelf liner, Wikki Stixor other textured materials.

Add Sensory Cues

- Add additional sensory material to paint brush handle such as fun foam, Wikki Stix or rubber bands.
- Fasten small bells on the paint brush handle with a pipe cleaner for auditory input.

Communication Support

- Communication board with vocabulary appropriate for painting activities presented. (e.g. I'm finished, color selection vocabulary, help, more, etc.). See sample under Additional Resources

DIY Alternatives

- Trial inexpensive pencil grips found at Discount Store/Dollar Stores.
- Create paint brush grips from pink sponge rollers.
- Push paint brush through squeeze ball or wiffle ball.
- Add weight to paint brush handle.
- Wrap paint brush handles with Wikki Stix or rubber bands.

Additional Considerations:

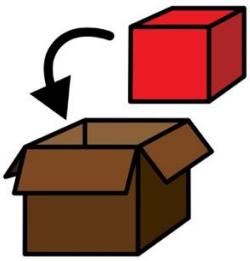
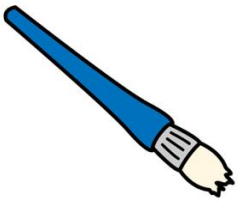
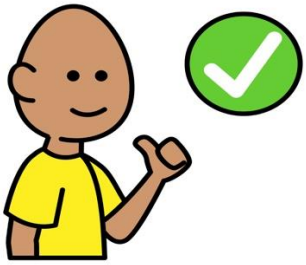
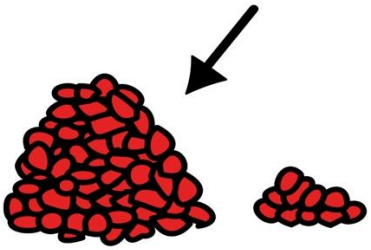
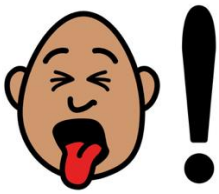
- Free sample art communication board from LessonPix.com

Ohio Early Learning Standards

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

Words to Encourage Play/Use

- Consider using color words such as red, green, yellow, blue, orange, purple, etc.

Put in 	Brush 	I need help
Water	All done 	More 
Yucky 	I don't like	

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