

SPLATTER-PAINT CONSTELLATIONS

Thousands of years ago, civilizations created the constellations to better understand how to use the stars to their advantage. Stars can tell us which direction we are headed, our current position on the Earth, as well as the time of year we are in. Adding stories and pictures to the sky makes it a much easier tool to use. In this activity, we will explore the process of creating a constellation from a mess of stars just like the ancient people did.

Materials needed:

- Black construction paper
- Multiple colors of acrylic paint
- Paint brushes
- Pencil or white crayon
- Newspaper (if indoors)



Directions:

1. Lay the black paper on the ground or a table on top of newspapers.
2. Dip the paint brushes in the paint and flick the paint brush towards the paper.
 - a. The paint brush should never come in contact with the paper, only the paint.
 - b. Small and large dots of paint should appear on the paper.
3. After the paint has dried, connect some of the larger dots on the paper to create a picture.
 - a. Use a pencil or a white crayon to draw a constellation.
 - b. In a constellation, only the larger stars are used, so don't use every dot on the paper.
 - c. Create a story about the constellation to share!

