

## **Color Mixing**



*Standards:* ATL.RPS.PS.2, 4-7 CA.VA.PS.1, 4



## Materials:

- Dog's Colorful Day
- eye droppers/ pipettes
- coffee filters or white paper towels
- small spoons
- small containers
- diluted tempera paint or liquid watercolor

**Preparation:** Set up materials.

## Vocabulary:

- mix
- stain
- separate
- experiment
- predict

Intro to Centers: "In Dog's Colorful Day, Dog went for a walk. What do you notice?"	Show illustrations. Children respond.
"The <i>stains</i> from the green grass, the purple marker, and the other things that dripped on his coat were colorful. But none of the colors <i>mixed</i> together, they stayed <i>separate</i> from each other."	Show illustrations.
"Today in Discovery, you can <i>experiment</i> with colors using these materials. What do you notice?"	Show materials. Children respond.
"We will keep the colors in <i>separate</i> containers and mix them together on coffee filters/paper towels."	Model.
"What do you <b>predict</b> will happen if I <b>mix</b> red with yellow?"	Model. Children respond.
<b>During Centers:</b> Compare and contrast the colors children create to the stair	is on Dog's coat in <i>Dog's Colorful Day</i> .

Encourage children to name and label their colors. Support children in recording "formulas" for their colors, e.g., "2 drops of red and 2 drops of blue makes purple", etc. Compare color mixing formulas to recipes.

## **Guiding Questions during Centers:**

- How did you create the colors on your coffee filter/ paper towel?
- How are the colors you created similar to or different from the stains on Dog's coat in *Dog's Colorful Day?*
- Where have you seen a color similar to the one(s) you created?

*Thinking & Feedback:* Invite children to share their processes. Encourage children to describe the challenges they might have encountered.

**Documentation:** Collect samples of the children's work as well as photographs and/or video of their process; use the documentation to launch a discussion during Thinking and Feedback.

*Provocation:* Display children's coffee filters/paper towels window to see the effects of sunlight on the colors.