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Ocean Inspired Acrylic Pour for Kids

What is Acrylic Pouring?

Acrylic pouring is a painting technique that allows artists of all skill levels to easily create one-of-a-kind works of art. In this technique, acrylic paint is mixed with a pouring medium and then poured onto a surface, like a blank canvas, in different ways to create unique color mixtures. Sometimes artists choose to pour different colors from individual cups and other times multiple colors are combined into one cup and poured onto the surface together.

Required Materials:

- White Glue (Item #146675), Water, Washable Acrylic Paint (Item #30446), Mixing Cups, Blank Canvas (Item #16794), Play Sand (Item #146191), and Seashells (Item #63824)

1. Gather Your Materials

Before creating your acrylic pour, you must first gather the needed materials and, on a clean work surface, mix together your pouring medium. A pouring medium helps thin the paint, allowing it to flow more easily without affecting the paint's color. To make a pouring medium, mix glue and water together in a **1:1 ratio** or 1 part water for each part glue. For example, if you add 1 tbsp of water to your medium you would also add 1tbsp of glue to maintain this ratio. Grownups may want to mix the pouring medium before this activity to save time.

2. Mix Your Paint

Choose your ocean-inspired colors and pour a little of each color into the individual mixing cups you have ready. Add your pouring medium to each color and stir to combine. Be sure to use a clean popsicle or stirrer stick with each color to prevent unwanted color mixing. Once your colors and pouring medium are well-mixed in their individual cups, pour each color into one cup, layering them for a unique mixture. **Do not** mix the paint in this step, layering the colors creates the unique results of your acrylic pour!

3. Pour!

Time to get messy! Encourage children to pour the paint over their blank canvas. Once all your paint has been poured onto the canvas, carefully tilt the canvas in all directions to move the paint so that it covers the entire surface of the canvas.

4. Customize Your Creation

Once your canvas is dry, apply a thin layer of glue to across the bottom. Sprinkle sand across the glue while wet and shake off any excess sand. Once your sand is glued in place, allow children to choose their favorite seashells or other ocean-themed loose parts and glue them to the sand to create a beach of their very own! Display at home or school for a one-of-a-kind masterpiece children will love to show off.

