

# 2-3 Reading, Writing and Stories

## Activity Instructions - Painting with Pegs

Painting is great for developing your child's fine motor skills, as is using pegs. So, combining them together makes a truly fantastic activity for your child's physical development and mark-making skills! The way your child needs to hold their pom-pom paintbrush is really good for encouraging good pencil grip and control, making it a perfect early writing activity as well as being fun and creative.

### What 'I Can' milestones does this support?



I can enjoy drawing freely.



I can add some marks to my drawings, which I give meaning to. For example, 'That says daddy' or 'That's my hair and my arms'.



I can make marks on a picture to stand for my name.



I can use my thumb and fingers to hold mark-making tools.



### You Will Need:

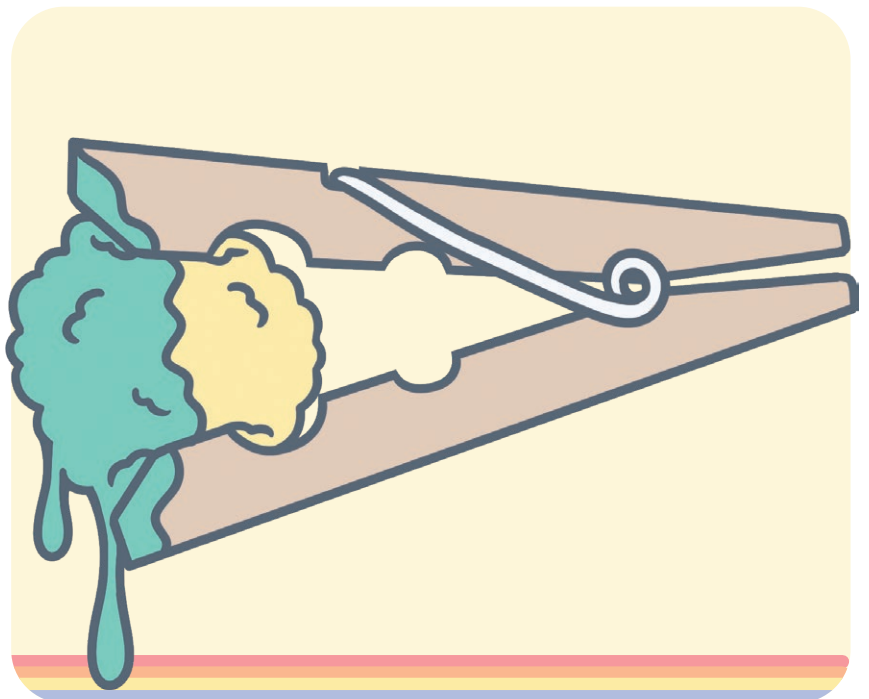
- pegs
- pom-poms
- something to put your pom-poms in (small tray, plate, bowl, cardboard box, lid, etc)
- paint (in a paint tray or shallow pots works best for this activity)
- paper (or cardboard - the inside of an empty cereal box is fine!)
- Painting with Pegs Pattern Pages (included but optional)



1. Set up your paint in your paint tray or pots, whatever you have.
2. Pop some pom-poms in another tray, on a plate or in a small bowl. It doesn't really matter what you put them in, it's just to keep them in one place!
3. Show your toddler how to squeeze the pegs to open them and use the peg to pick up a pom-pom. They now have a pom-pom paintbrush!
4. Dip the pom-pom paintbrush into some paint and get mark making! Your child can explore making different movements and marks with their pom-pom paintbrush on some plain paper. They might want to paint pictures (giving meaning to their marks) or just experiment!
5. This activity lends itself well to making pictures with dots, which is great for your child's hand-eye coordination, another important skill for early writing. Try using the Painting with Pegs Pattern Pages, encouraging your child to make dots along the different lines and shapes.

## More Ways to Play

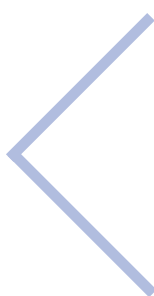
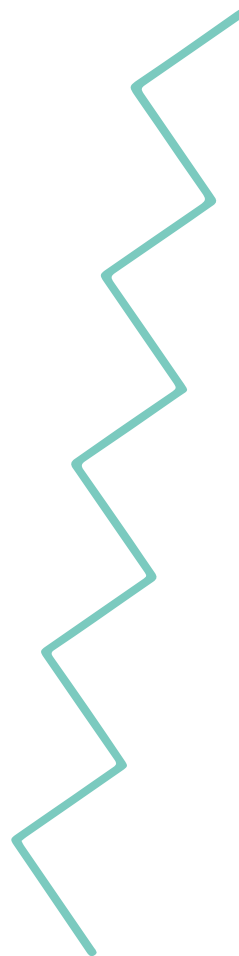
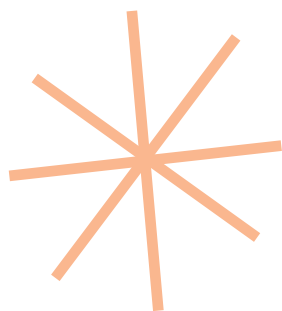
- Try making peg and pom-pom paintbrushes with different-sized pom-poms.
- Use your peg and pom-pom paintbrushes with some of Twinkl's fingerprint art activities, like this **Rainbow Fingerprint Craft**. Great if they're not sure about getting too messy!
- Write your child's name on a piece of paper and encourage them to make dots over the letters as they do with the Painting with Pegs Pattern Pages - great for letter recognition.

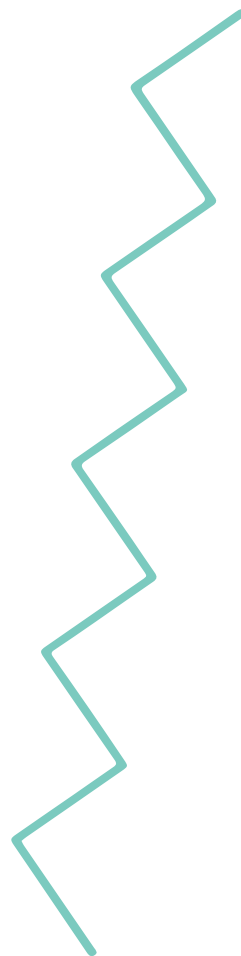
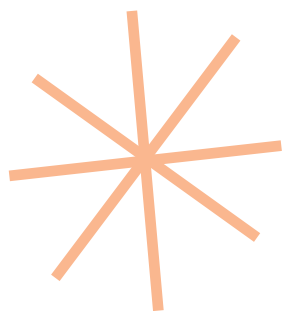


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