

Area: Discover - Colour Spreading Art

Year: 2026

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Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Is the Risk Adequately Controlled, or is More Needed	Review and Revision
Ingestion or misuse of felt tip pens - Younger participants may mouth pens or suck on pen tips.	Young people	Use washable, child safe felt tip pens only.	
		Remind young people pens are for drawing, not mouths.	
		Adults monitor closely, particularly with younger young people.	
Eye or face contact with water or pens - Splashing or accidental contact could cause irritation.	Young people	Check pens regularly and replace damaged ones.	
		Demonstrate gentle use of droppers/brushes.	
		Encourage adding only a few drops at a time.	
Trips and clutter around tables - Finished artwork, bags, or supplies on the floor may create trip	Young people	No flicking or waving of brushes.	
		Tissues and clean water available if needed.	
		Designated area for drying finished pictures.	
Emotional distress or frustration - young people may feel upset if their picture does not look as expected.	Young people	Adults tidy throughout the session.	
		Keep floor space clear of materials.	
		young people reminded to walk carefully	
Over excitement or splashing - young people may become excited when colours spread and start splashing.	Young people	Emphasise exploration, not results.	
		Reassure young people that all outcomes are "good science".	
		Praise effort and curiosity.	
Ingestion of water - young people may attempt to drink the water from the water pots.	Young people	Allow young people to try again if time allows.	
		Clear expectations set before starting.	
		Calm, observational language modelled by adults.	
Slips and falls due to spilled water - Water splashed or spilled onto the floor may create a slip hazard.	Young people	Adults intervene promptly if behaviour escalates.	
		Activity paused if rules are not followed.	
		Clear rule stated and reinforced: "Do not drink the water."	
		Adults closely supervise at all times.	
		Use clean tap water only.	
		Remove water pot(s) immediately if rules are not followed.	
		Use small water pots with minimal water.	
		Wet area clearly defined and separated from walkways.	
		Tables at an appropriate height.	
		young people remain seated at tables during water use.	