

Salt Painting  
*Pintando Con Sal*  
Age: 4+

**Purpose of Lesson:**

Allowing kids to experience salt in a new way.

**Learning Objectives:**

Have kids learn that painting doesn't always have to be the same.

**Standards: California Preschool Learning Foundations**

- Initiative In Learning: Take greater initiative in making new discoveries, identifying new solutions, and persisting in trying to figure things out.

**Assessment Tools or Strategies:**

Observing children play and interact. Pictures of the activity happening and keeping child's work for their portfolio.

**Materials Required:**

- table salt
- white glue
- liquid water color paints (you could also use water with food coloring)
- paper of various colors (black works really well against vibrant colors)
- paintbrushes or droppers
- A tray

**Directions:**

Place a piece of construction paper inside a tray for each child. Let child squeeze glue over paper in different patterns and or shapes. When child is done, pour salt over the paper. Let excess salt fall into tray. Be generous with the salt, don't leave exposed glue or it will run. Shake paper into tray so excess salt falls off. Place paper back on tray (you may clean off salt if desired). Dip paint brush or droppers into paint and gently touch the salt and watch the salt change color! Let dry and done!

**Classroom Organization:**

Small groups of 3-4 to be able to control mess and help everyone. One tray per child and let them choose construction paper color.

**Listening:**

Tell children they are going to paint with salt. Sample how they are to pour glue on paper just so we avoid them making one big glue blob on the paper.

**Self-Assessment:**

Children had fun being able to do it on their own. The 4 year olds I tried it with needed much more assistance but the 5 and 8 year olds I tried it with were very independent.