

Gravity Paint Pour Activity

Each Student Will Need:

- 1 canvas
- 3 plastic cups with different colours of paint
- 3 stir sticks
- 1 empty plastic cup
- Newspaper to cover your desk

Instructions:

- Gather your materials.
- Add a teaspoon of water to each of your separate paints. Stir until the three separate mixtures are all properly combined. Make sure your paints can move freely in the cup. If it's too thick, you may need more water.
- Take the empty cup and take turns layering in your paint from the other cups. Avoid dumping in all the paint from one cup all at once. Instead, alternate between your paints to create different layers in your empty cup.
- Once you've poured all your paints into the empty cup, lay your canvas on top of your plastic cup with the canvas facing down on the open top of the cup.
- Grab the bottom of the cup and use your other hand to hold the canvas in place. Apply pressure and flip the cup and canvas upside down, placing the canvas down on the newspaper. **DO NOT REMOVE THE CUP!**

- Let your cup sit for a few minutes. Take note of how gravity is forcing the paint down the cup and onto the canvas. If the paint is starting to slide out from under the cup, keep your hand on the top to avoid this.
- Once your paint has settled at the bottom, you can remove the cup. You can now start tilting the canvas so that the paint spreads over the entire canvas. Be patient, this may take a while. If there are parts of your canvas that aren't getting covered, use your stir stick to scrape some paint out of the cup and onto your canvas, and then continue tilting.
- Once you're done, place your canvas on top of a cup to dry. Both should be on top of the newspaper. Your painting will need at least 24 hours to dry.
- Clean up your area and wash your hands. Grab an exit ticket and answer the questions.