5 Easy Science Projects for Kids





Instructions:

Step One Place the jar/glass in the middle of a cookie sheet.

Step Two Pour some cold water into your jar and add several drops of food coloring. Stir.

Step Three Add about a 1/2 cup of oil to the jar.

Step Four Then add 1/4 cup of corn syrup to the jar.

Step Five Let the liquids settle. Experiment with stirring up the ingredients and watching them settle again.

Materials:

Jars or Clear Glass Cookie sheets Water Food Coloring Corn Syrup Oil Spoons

Layered Liquids



Instructions:

Step One Fill a glass with water. Add several tablespoons of baking soda to the water.

Step Two Break your spaghetti into smaller pieces. Add spaghetti to the water.

Step Three Add some vinegar. Watch your spaghetti "dance!"

Materials:

Clear Glasses or Cups Water Baking Soda Spaghetti Vinegar



Milk Painting



Instructions:

Step One Fill a plate or bowl with milk.

Step Two Drop in 2 drops of each of 4 colors of food coloring.

Step Three Generously dip the end of a q-tip in dish soap, then dip the q-tip into the milk next to a drop of color. The color will burst as soon as the dish soap hits it.

Step Four Gently swirl the q-tip through the different colors and you'll see little rivers of color start to form.

Step Five Continue until the colors begin to mix and become brown. Empty your plate/bowl and repeat.

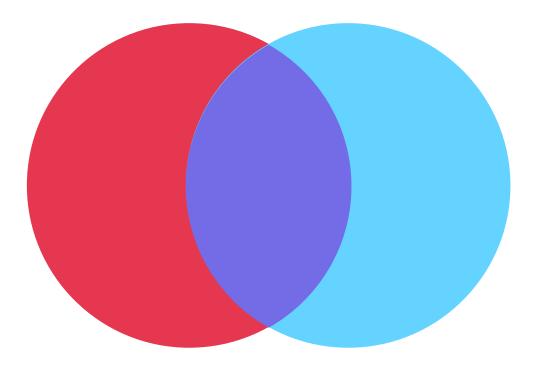
Variation: Pre-mix the milk and dish soap. You won't have the color burst effect but it does seem to keep the colors separate a little longer.

Materials:

Milk or Almond Milk
Dish soap
Q-tips
Food coloring
Shallow plate or wide
bowls



Color Mixing



Instructions:

Step One Pour water into three large bowls.

Step Two Add blue food coloring to one bowl. Repeat with red and yellow in separate bowls.

Step Three Set up a color mixing bowl and a dumping bowl.

Step Four Using two plastic cups, experiment with taking a cupful of water from two of the primary colors and pouring them in the mixing bowl. Because the new color appears almost instantly it seems like a magic trick!

Step Five Dump the third color in the dumping bowl and repeat the experiment.

Materials:

Water
Food Coloring
White
or
Clear Bowls



Shiny Pennies



Instructions:

Step One Collect dirty tarnished pennies.

Step Two Pour vinegar into a bowl and then soak the pennies in the vinegar. Within a minute the pennies will be instantly "shiny."

Step Three Rinse half the clean pennies in water and let dry. Allow the vinegar only dipped pennies to dry separately.

Step Four Check back in one hour. The vinegar only pennies will start to oxidize and turn green.

Variation: Try shining your pennies with other solutions such as salsa, soap and water, and lemon juice. Compare the results to see which one works the best.

Materials:

Vinegar
Tarnished Pennies
Water
Paper Towels
Bowls
Optional:
Salsa
Lemon juice
Dish soap

