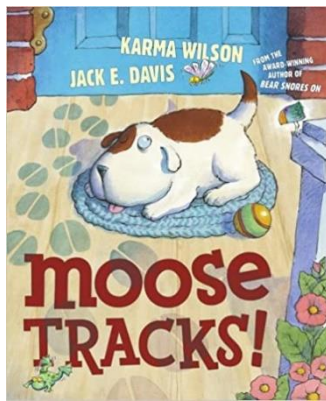


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THURSDAYS...at home!

Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch our suggested read-aloud story online and then follow along with project instructions found below!

Animal Tracks!



Description: young artists learn about animal tracks, patterns and impressions, then make their own homemade clay to use for their own tracks.

Story: "[Moose Tracks](#)" by Karma Wilson and illustrated by Jack E. Davis. Margaret K. McElderry Books; 2006.

Let's Talk about this Artwork!

- What colors can you find?
- What do you think the girl and her animal friend are doing? Where do you think they are going?
- Can you name her animal friend?
- What do you notice about how the girl is dressed? Could this be a painting about life now or life in the past? What makes you think this?
- How does this painting make you feel? Peaceful or excited? Why?



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Supplies Needed*

1. A bowl
2. Cornstarch
3. Elmers Glue
4. Spoon
5. Measuring Cup
6. Optional: paint/paintbrush

**We chose this recipe because no cooking, prep or drying is involved. But, follow [this link](#) for ten other recipes to make your own clay.*



Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor:
 - a) sculpting
 - b) painting
 - c) tactile
- 2) Language development:
 - a) Expressive: speaking
 - b) Receptive: listening
 - c) Discussing
- 3) 21st-Century:
 - a) Critical thinking
 - b) Creativity
 - c) Problem-solving
 - d) Collaborating

Project Instructions



- 1) Add 2 parts cornstarch to 1 part Elmer's glue in a bowl, then mix with a spoon. To make one small track, we used 1/4 cup of cornstarch and 1/8 cup of glue.

Helpful hint: *If you would like to make a bigger batch, just double the amount of cornstarch per part of glue!*

- 2) Put some cornstarch down on a clean table surface and in your hands. Slowly add cornstarch to the clay until it is no longer gummy. Wash and dry your hands when you are done.



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- 3) Roll the clay out with your hands or with a pencil until it is the size of the animal track you would like to make. Try not to roll any less than $\frac{1}{4}$ " in thickness.

Note: It may be very gummy! Be sure to put down some cornstarch on your surface first. Keep working the gummy clay into the cornstarch until it no longer sticks to the table or your hands.



- 4) Ask a pet friend or use your own hand to mimic different animal tracks. Press down to make an impression in the clay. Wait 24 hours for your art to dry and then decorate with paint!



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