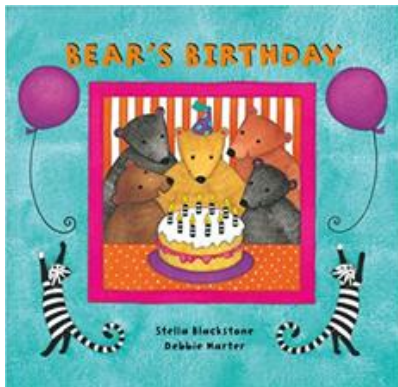


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Enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home! Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story, and then follow along with project instructions found below!

Balloon Painting!

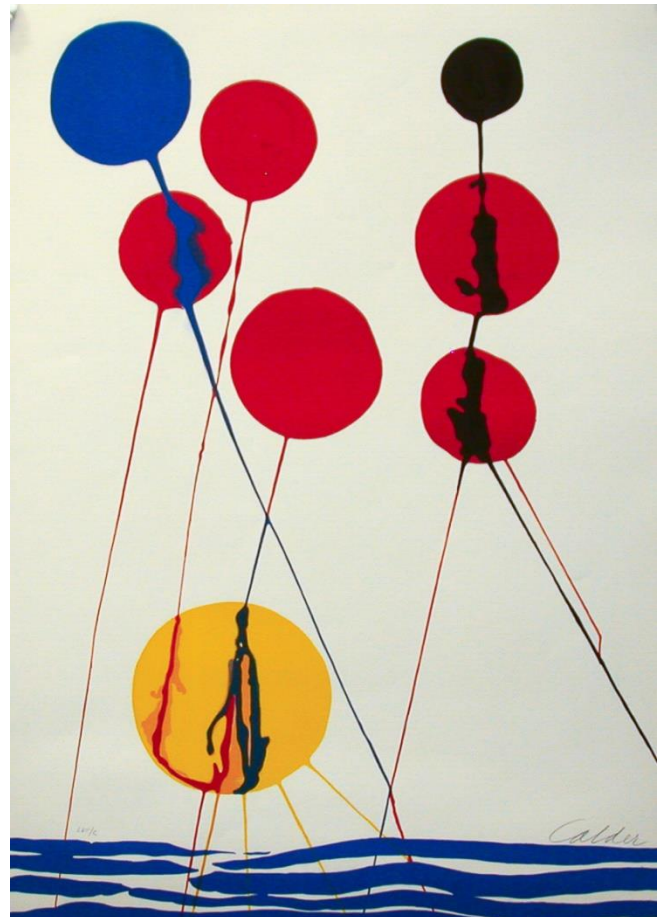


Description: young artists read about a bear's birthday celebration and paint using a balloon!

Story: "[Bear's Birthday](#)" written by Stella Blackstone and illustrated by Debbie Marter (Barefoot Books; 2011)

Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- This artwork is made up of bold colored circles and lines.
 - How many red balloons are there? Count the balloons that are not red.
 - Can you find straight lines? Where are the wavy lines?
- Make up a story about why there are balloons in this image.
 - What are they celebrating?
 - Who might be holding these balloons?
- What do you like most about this artwork? What do you like least?



Materials Needed

- 1) one: heavy white paper
- 2) two: different colors of cardstock or construction paper
- 3) two: colors acrylic paint
- 4) paper plate/paint tray
- 5) newspaper
- 6) scissors
- 7) crayons
- 8) glue stick
- 9) balloon



Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) drawing
 - b) cutting
 - c) gluing
 - d) painting
- 2) Language development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
 - d) basic shapes
- 3) 21st-Century
 - a) creativity
 - b) problem-solving
 - c) collaborating

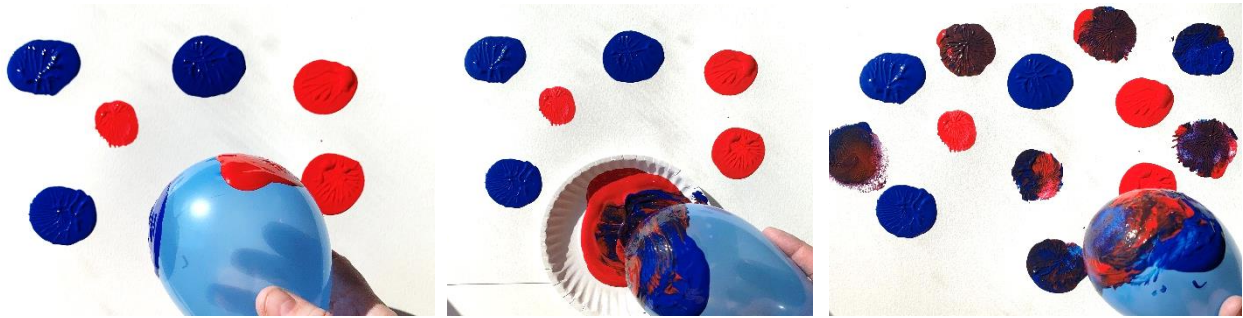
Project Instructions

- 1) Blow up a small balloon and tie off the end. Ask a caregiver for help if needed.
- 2) Prepare your artmaking space by laying down newspaper. This may get messy!
- 3) Dip the balloon into one of the colors of paint on your paint tray/plate. Then press your balloon onto the white paper. Experiment with pressing and dipping to make larger or smaller balloon prints when you change pressure.



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- 4) Dip a different part of balloon into second color and press onto paper. Then use the balloon to mix the colors and press the new color or swirl of colors onto the paper. Let dry.



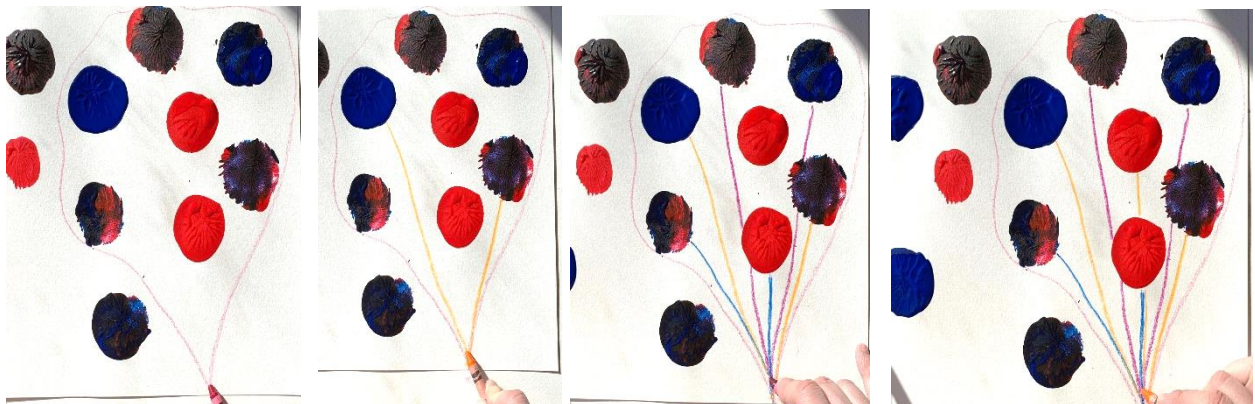
- 5) On one of the pieces of construction paper, draw three or four ovals for fingers. Draw a larger half-oval on one side to make the hand.



- 6) Cut out around the shape of the hand you have drawn. Then go back and cut out the smaller details.



- 7) Draw a loop around your favorite group of balloons and down to a point at the bottom of your paper. Then draw strings from your balloons down to that point using crayons.

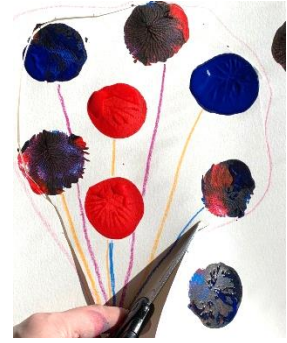


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8) Cut out around your loop of balloons. Then, using a glue stick, attach the drawn hand over bottom of the drawn strings. Glue on to a different color of construction paper for background if desired.

9) Time to celebrate!



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