

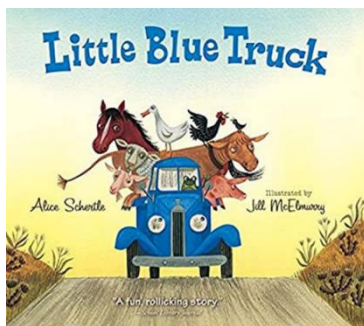


Time: 30-45 minutes

Messiness: high

Adult involvement: high

Paper Plate Truck Painting!



Description: young artists hear how friendship can divide big chores into easier ones and then paint a truck with paper plates!

Story: “[Little Blue Truck](#)” written by Alice Schertle and illustrated by Jill McElmurry (Clarion Books; 2020)

Let’s talk about this artwork!

- Name some of the things you see in this photograph.
- Some areas are clearer while others appear fuzzy.
 - What can cause things to look less clear? When have you seen fog?
- This artwork is titled *Going Home*. Make up a story about this photo.
 - Who is traveling in the vehicle?
 - Where are they coming from?
 - What was their adventure?



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Materials Needed

- 1) **one-two:** 8-10" paper plate
- 2) **two:** 6" paper plate
- 3) extra plate for mixing paint
- 4) acrylic paint
- 5) paintbrush
- 6) gluestick
- 7) scissors
- 8) stapler with staples
- 9) container for rinsing out brush
- 10) newspaper or other painting surface protection

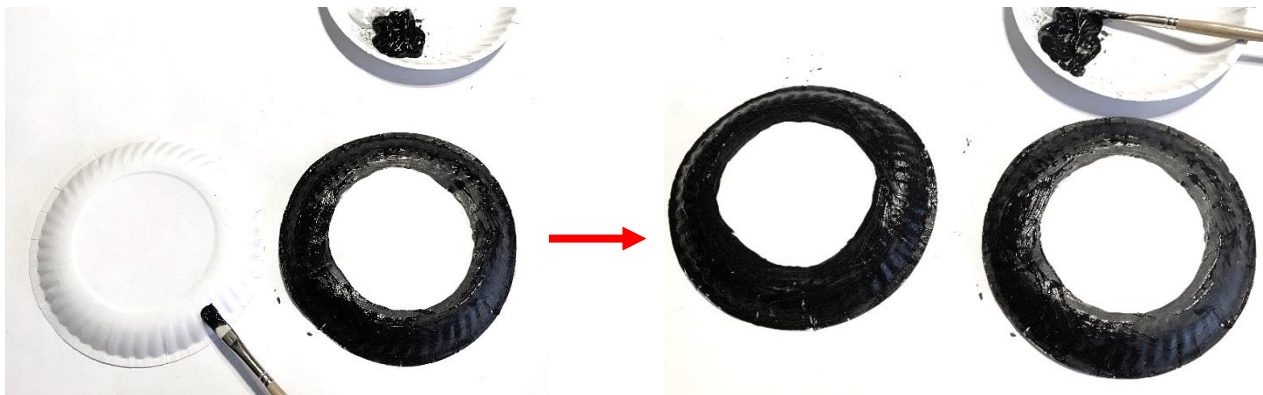


Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) painting
 - b) gluing
 - c) cutting
- 2) Language Development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- 3) 21st-Century
 - a) collaboration
 - b) critical thinking
 - c) creativity

Project Instructions

- 1) Choose a paint color for your tires. Flip both of your 6" plates upside down and paint the outer bumpy edges. Do not rinse out your brush yet!



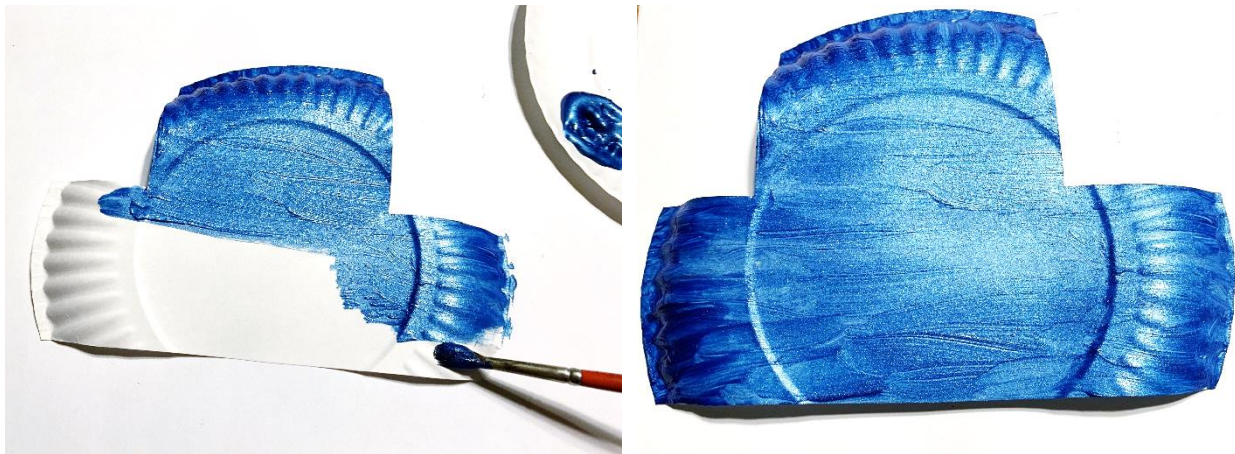
- 2) On your palette, drop a blob of white paint. Mix what color is left on your brush into the white to make a lighter color for the center of your tires. Paint the inner circle of both 6" plates. Set aside to dry and rinse out your brush.



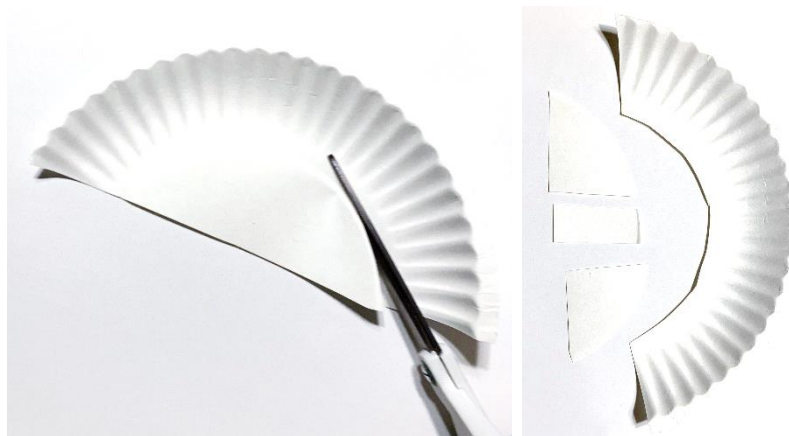
- 3) Take the larger plate now. Cut a straight line across the plate, removing about 1/3. Hang onto your scrap piece for later. Cut out two triangles at the left and right of the plate on the top/curved side.



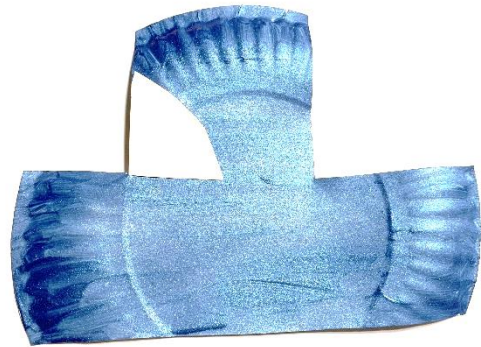
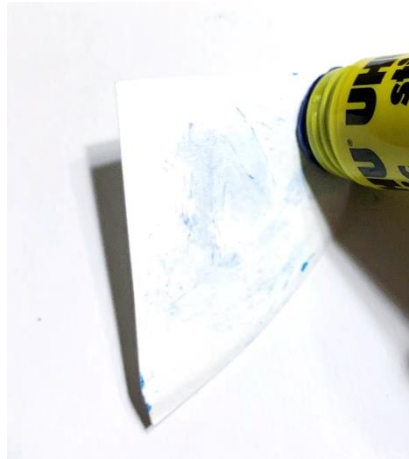
- 4) Make sure the plate is upside down, rounded side facing up. Choose a paint color and paint your truck. Set aside to dry.



- 5) Cut out the flat inner circle of scrap plate to make your truck a window. The window can be curved, rectangular, square or other!



- 6) Once the body of truck is dry, use gluestick to attach window to the truck.



- 7) Use stapler to attach wheels over the body of the truck. Ask a caregiver for help if needed!



- 8) Tap your fingers into some brown paint, then tap them over the wheels or body of truck.



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9) Take your truck on an adventure! Who will you take with you? Where will you go?



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