



Make-Your-Own Sidewalk Chalk

Children get double the fun from this clever craft project—first they make the chalk, and then they draw and color the sidewalk with it!

This activity is appropriate for:
pre-k - 6th grade / 4 - 11 years

You will need:

- Plaster of paris
- Fully washable liquid tempera
- Craft sticks
- Paper cups
- Bowl
- Water

Directions:

1. Pour 1 cup of plaster of paris into your bowl.
2. With a craft stick, stir in 2 heaping spoonfuls of washable tempera paint.
3. Slowly stir in water until the mixture is thick and pasty.
4. Pour the mixture into paper cups. Set aside to dry for a few hours.
5. When your chalk is completely dry, tear away the paper cups. Your chalk is ready to use—to create sidewalk art that washes right off!

Encourage children to use their sidewalk chalk to practice writing their names, simple words or fun messages. Another great way to incorporate writing into children's activities is to encourage them to write letters or simple words in a hopscotch grid.