

DIY Sidewalk Chalk Paint*

Materials:

- Cornstarch
- Water
- Food Coloring
- Measuring cups
- Mixing bowl
- Paint brushes
- Small plastic bowls or a muffin tin

Instructions:

1. Mix together 1 cup of water to 1 cup of cornstarch until the mixture is smooth with no lumps.
2. Divide the mixture into 6 small bowls or the cups of a muffin tin.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring into each bowl/cup and stir until blended.
4. Grab a paint brush and start creating!

(Don't worry if the colors appear a bit watery at first. As it dries, the colors will become more vibrant!)

* This recipe is from <https://www.makeandtakes.com/sidewalk-chalk-paint>

Activity Extension

Stained Glass Chalk Art*

Materials:

Chalk and painter's tape



Instructions:

1. Use the tape to create a fun geometric design on the sidewalk.
2. Color each area with a different color chalk.
3. When you are finished coloring in all of the spaces, pull up the tape.

* This activity is from jugglingwithkids.com



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Chalk Your Walk

A Community Arts-Apart Activity

Sidewalk Chalk Art is a creative and fun form of public art that can help you connect with the people in your community. During the coronavirus pandemic, chalk art has become an increasingly popular way to send uplifting messages to others as they walk by your home, create fun images for interactive play, or just communicate how you are feeling. It's also a great way to engage your neighbors in a collaborate art project (while still staying six feet apart)!

Here are the materials you will need:

- Chalk
- (optional) Spray bottle filled with water to make your colors pop!

For some inspiration, take a look at the examples below:



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Your Creative Challenge

What kind of sidewalk chalk message or image can you design and create? Look at the examples to the left, imagine different ideas, and use sidewalk template below to sketch out your design. Then grab your chalk, spray bottle (filled with water), and put on your face mask. You're ready—go outside, find some space on a sidewalk and let your creativity run wild!

Sidewalk template