

# Printing with String

In this activity designed for EYFS and SEND groups, learners will have the opportunity to create simple prints using string and poster paint.

This resource is aimed at supporting the development of dexterity, understanding of line and also building up colour recognition skills.

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## Materials:

- Paper (Cartridge or newsprint)
- Poster paint
- String

## To Begin:

Prepare small pots of poster paint for each table. This activity will be messy so ensure you protect the table.

Cut string in varying lengths.



## Method One

Learners will need to dip each piece of string in the pot of poster paint, trying to get as much of the string covered as possible. After the string is covered in paint they will need to run the thumb and index finger down the string to get excess paint off.

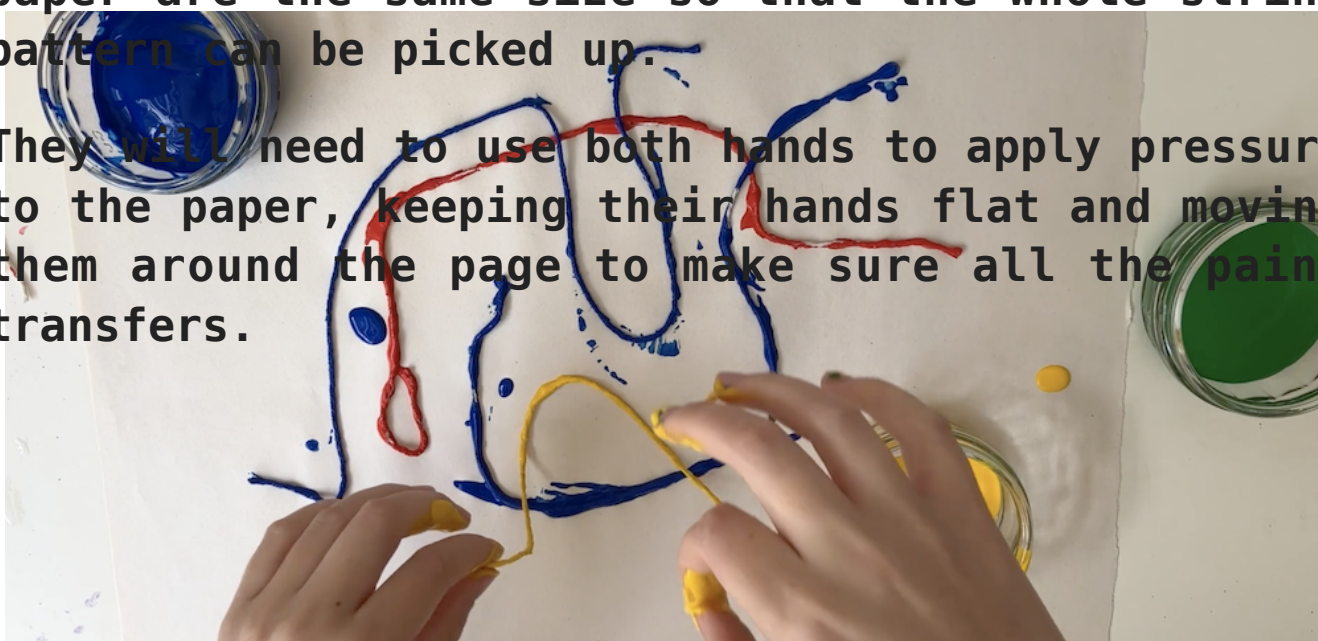
Next, they will need to place the string on the page.

Repeat the first step, covering each piece of string in paint before placing it on the page.

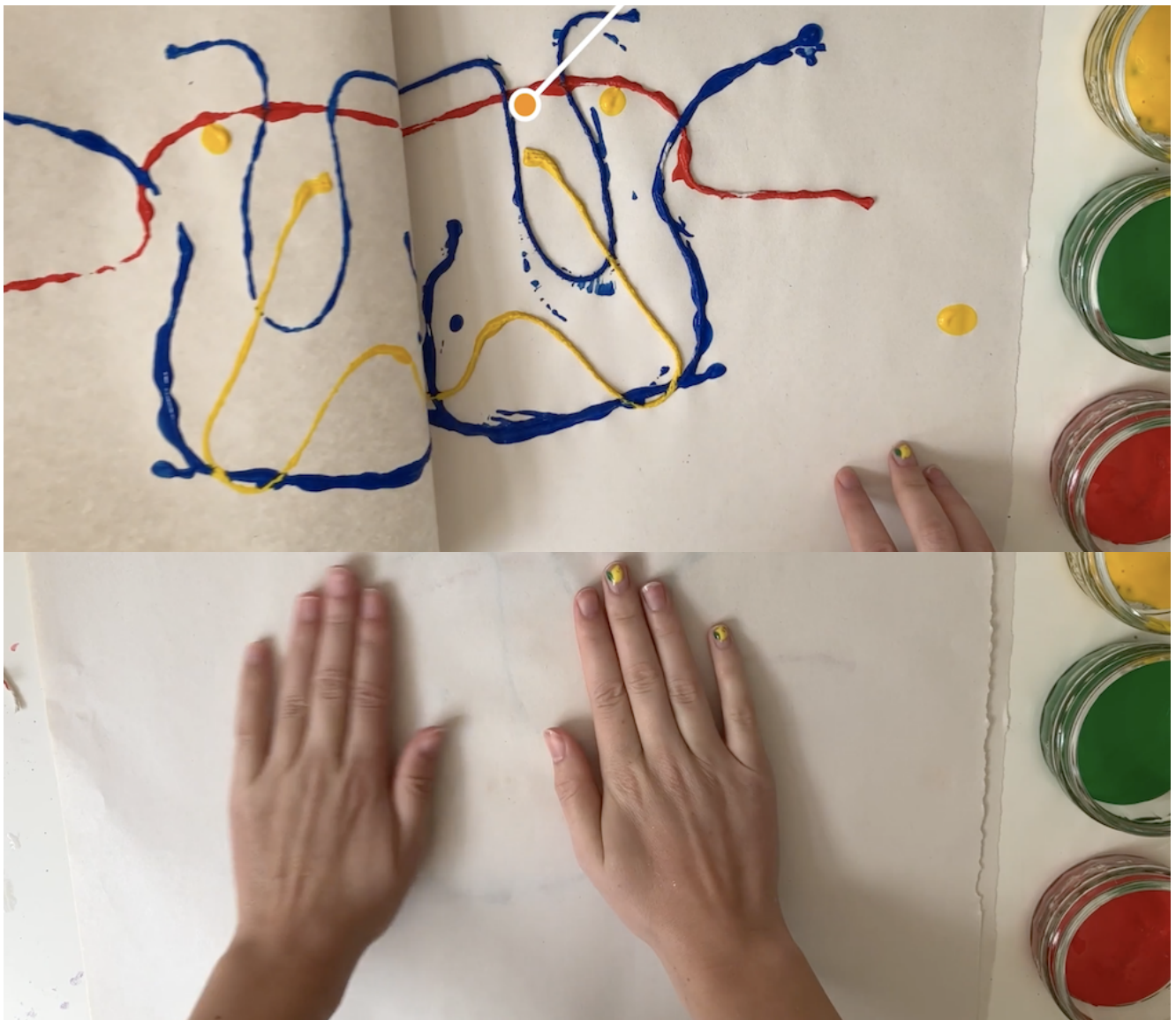


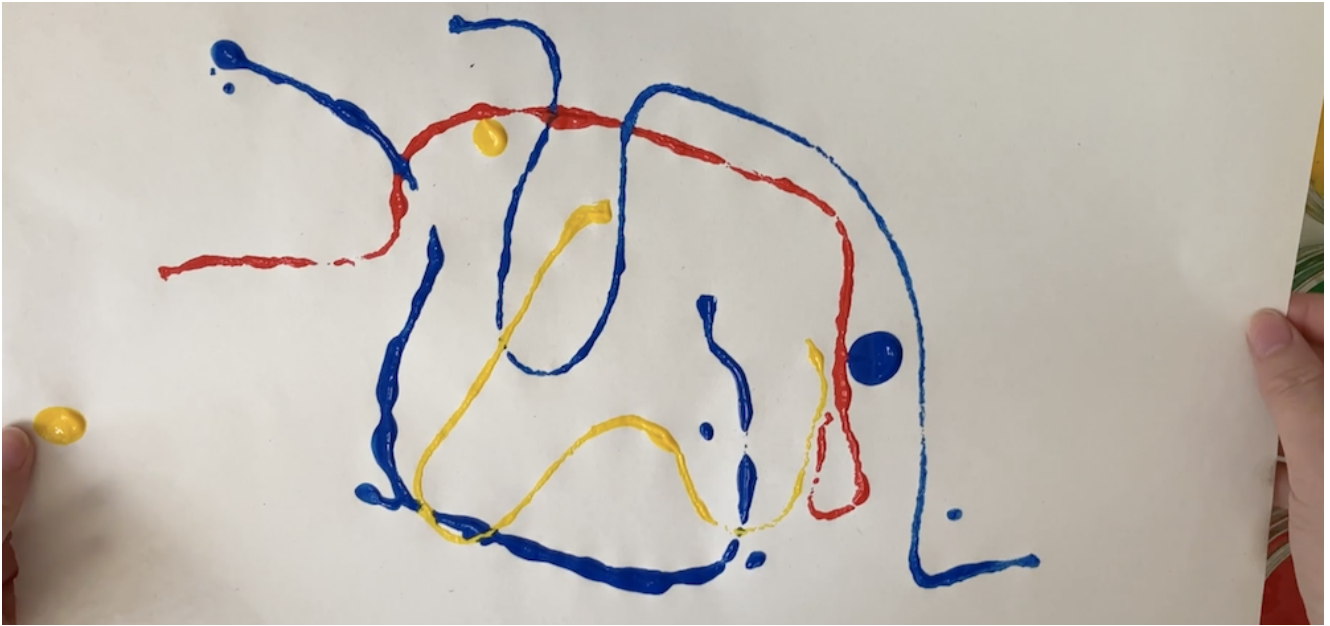
When they are happy with the design children will then need to place another piece of paper over their string design. Ensure that both pieces of paper are the same size so that the whole string pattern can be picked up.

They will need to use both hands to apply pressure to the paper, keeping their hands flat and moving them around the page to make sure all the paint transfers.



**Next, peel the page away to reveal the print.**



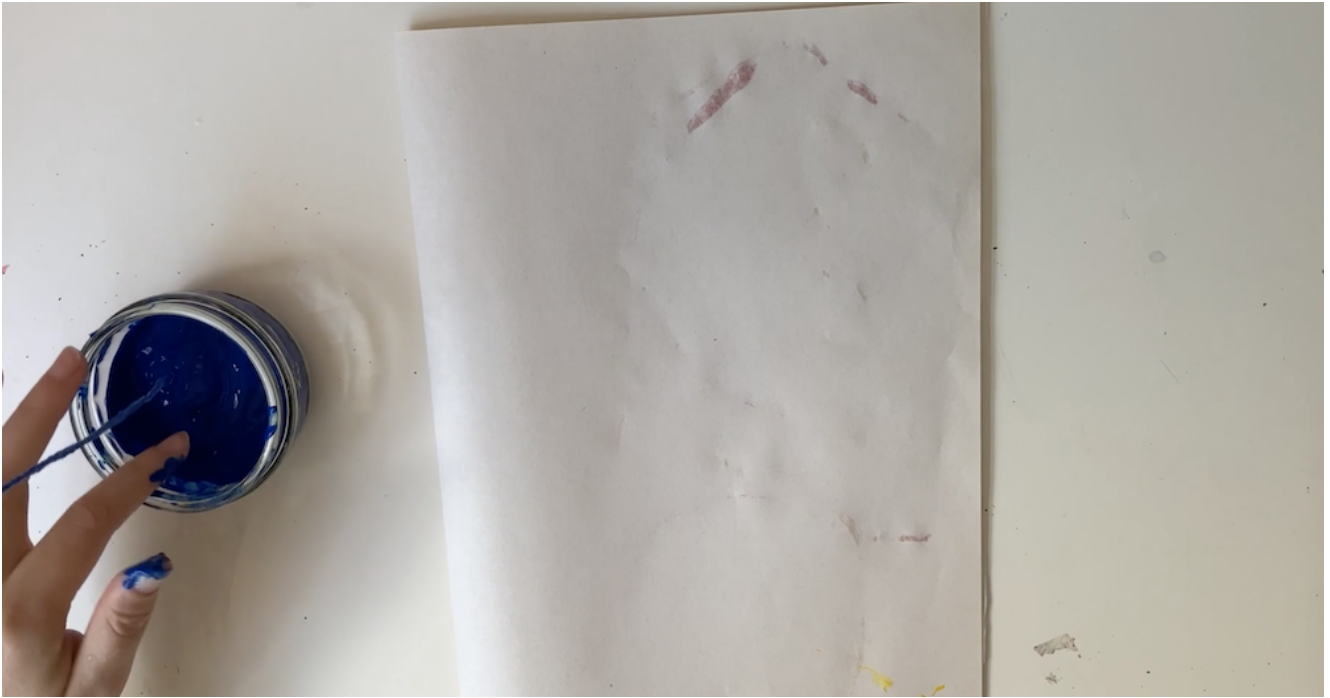


## Method Two

Begin by folding the paper in half.



Dip the string into the paint. After the string is covered in paint children should run their thumb and index finger down the string to get excess paint off.

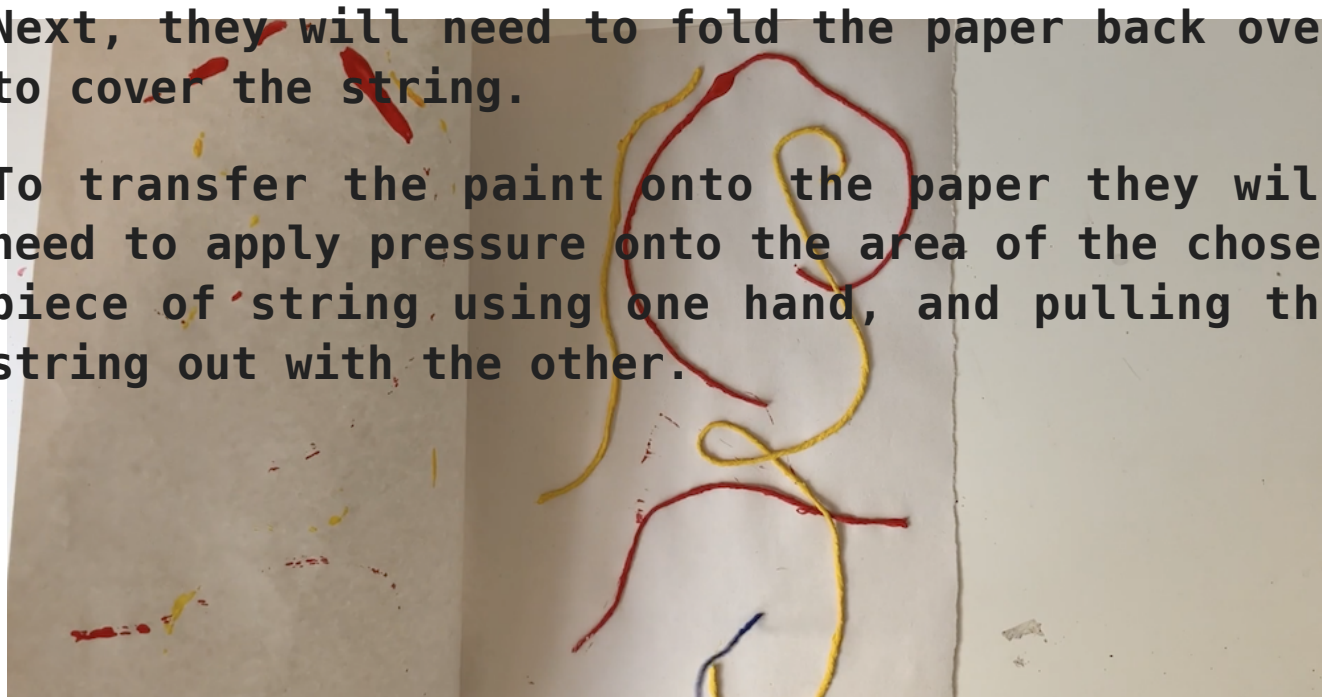


**They will now need to place the string onto one half of the paper.**

**Keep repeating this step until they are happy with their design.**

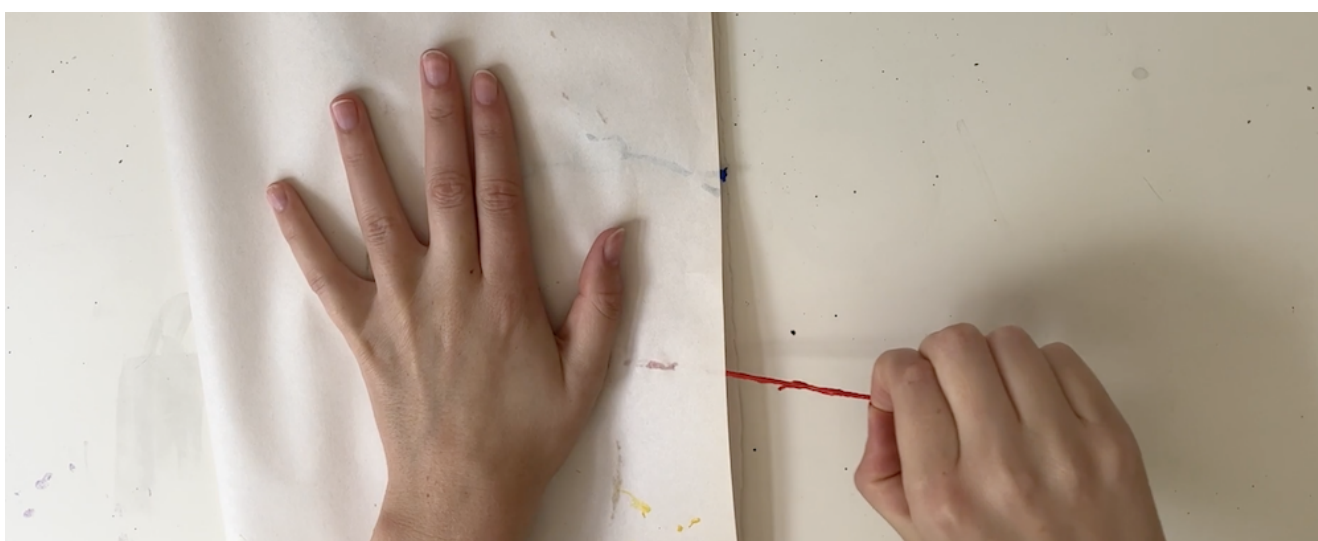
**Next, they will need to fold the paper back over to cover the string.**

**To transfer the paint onto the paper they will need to apply pressure onto the area of the chosen piece of string using one hand, and pulling the string out with the other.**

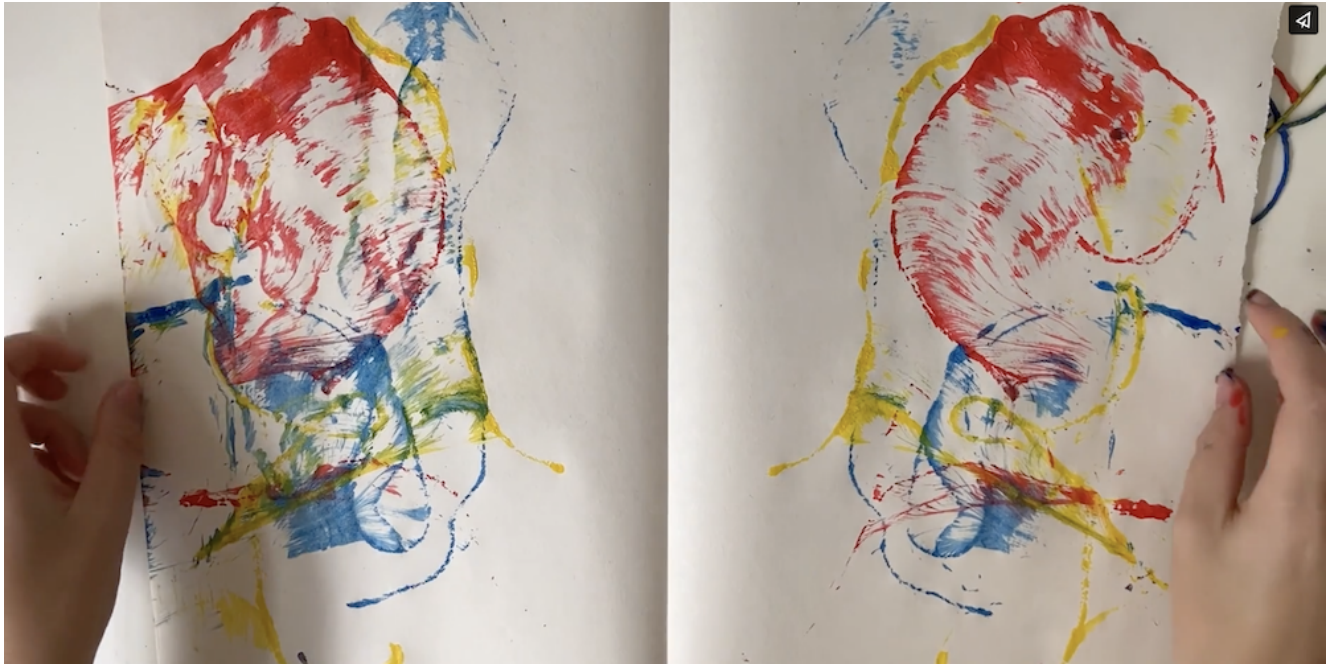




**Once all the string has been pulled out children can open the page back up to reveal the print.**







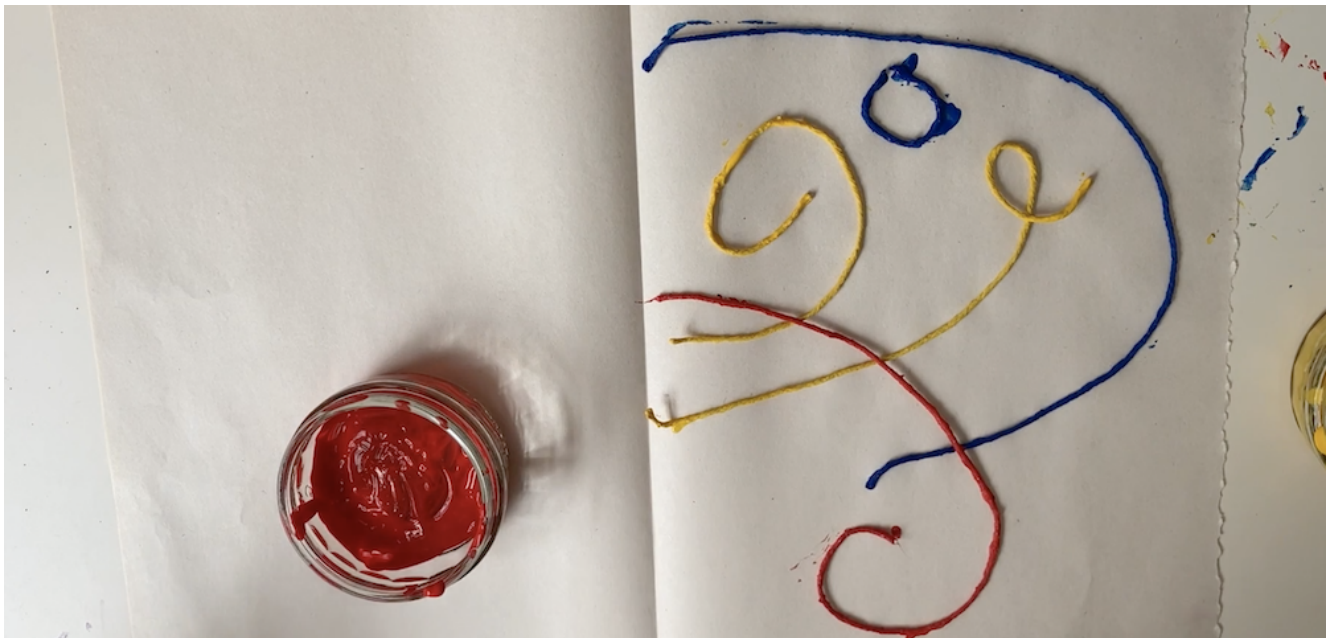
### **Method Three**

**Begin by folding each page in half and opening it out again.**

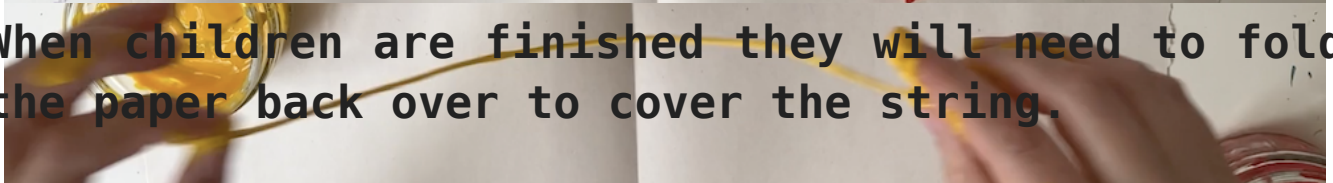
**Dip the string in poster paint and one by one place the string on one half of the paper. Remove excess paint using the thumb and index finger.**

**Repeat until they are happy with their design.**





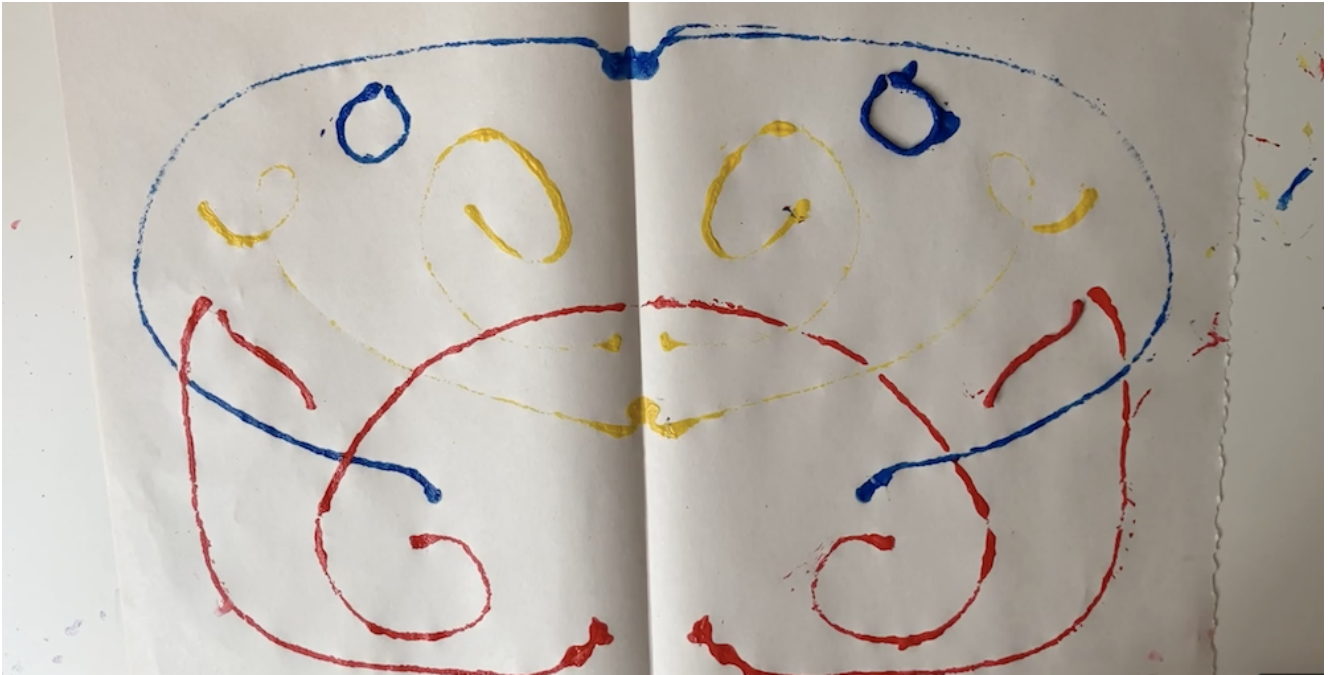
When children are finished they will need to fold the paper back over to cover the string.





**Using both hands they will need to apply pressure to the page to ensure that the paint transfers onto both sides of the page.**

**Open the paper up again to reveal the print.**



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