



Colorful Handprints

Mix paint between hands, press handprints onto paper, and create a colorful record of what happens when colors meet.

Helps Your Child Grow



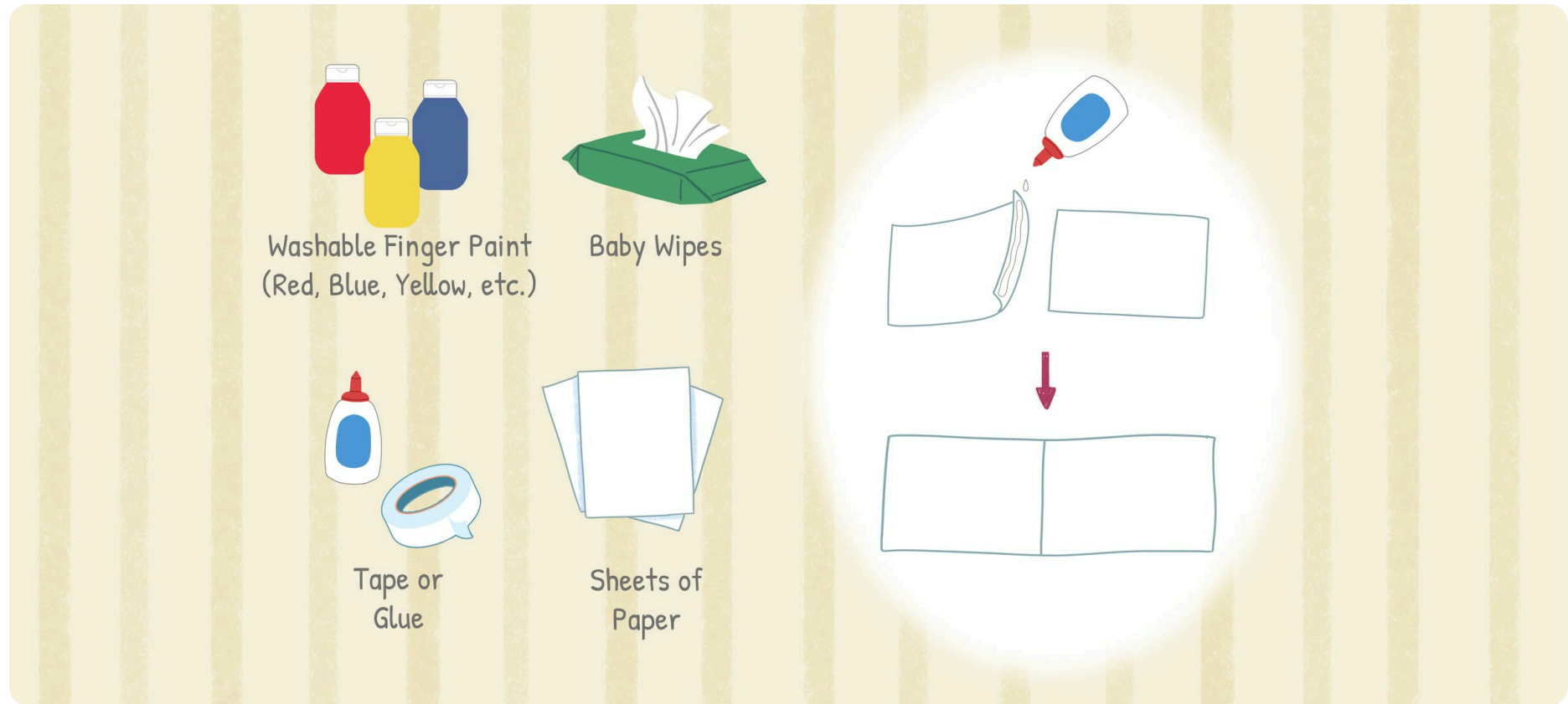
Exploration and Discovery

Trying different color combinations lets your child observe and record changes, supporting curiosity and exploration.



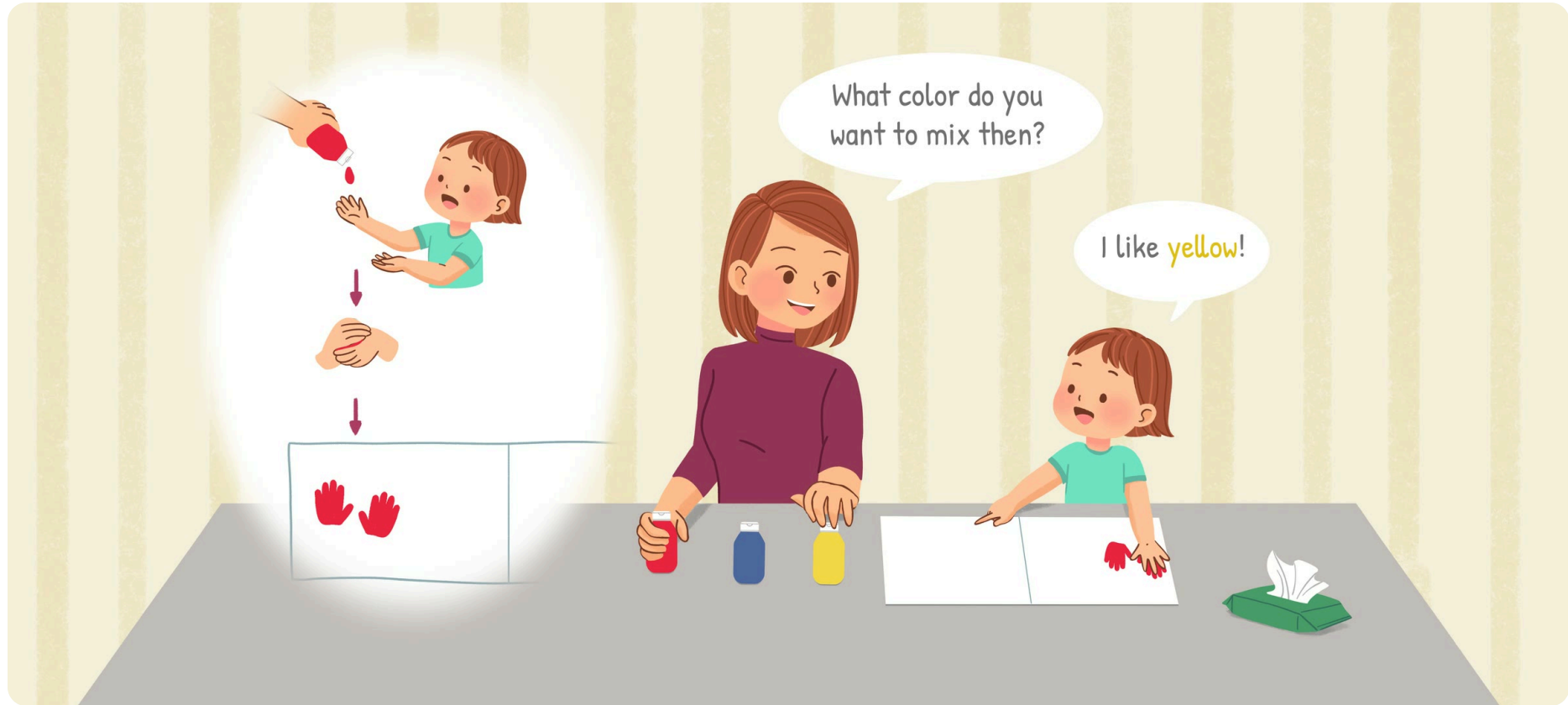
Fine Motor

Rubbing paint between the hands and pressing prints on paper builds fine-motor control and hand-eye coordination.



What You'll Need

1. Washable finger paint
2. tape or glue
3. baby wipes
4. several sheets of white paper
5. two sheets joined along their short edges with tape or glue



Make the First Handprints

Ready for a color-mixing experiment? Let your child choose one color, such as red. Put some paint on their hands, invite them to rub their palms together, then press two red handprints onto the paper.

Observations

- Rubs paint between both hands and presses handprints onto paper
- Names familiar colors such as red and yellow

Tips

- First demonstrate rubbing paint and pressing a handprint while saying, "Wow - a handprint!"
- If mess is a concern, put on a smock beforehand so everyone can relax and enjoy the play.



What Do Red and Yellow Make?

Add a second color your child chooses - such as yellow - to the red paint already on their hands. Rub the colors together and press another print. Compare the change: it is no longer only red or yellow. The two colors made orange.

Observations

- Watches how the color changes after two paints are mixed
- Recognizes some new colors made by mixing two paints, such as orange

Tips

- Add yellow a little at a time. Rub and print after each addition to watch the color change gradually.
- A clear series of handprints makes the color change visible, creates a sense of accomplishment, and invites more experimenting.



What Will Three Colors Make?

After making orange from red and yellow, wipe your child's hands and try another pair. What new handprint color will appear? Your child may want to mix three or more colors and discover even more unexpected results.

Observations

- Keeps combining paints to make handprints in different colors
- Wonders how the color changes when three or more paints are mixed

Tips

- Before mixing, guess together whether the colors will become darker, lighter, or turn into something new. The prediction does not need to be correct; it simply builds anticipation.
- Use a separate sheet for each combination - red and yellow, yellow and blue, or blue and red - until your child has a personal "color experiment record."