



Drops of Colours

Colour Mixing

Beginner: Fill clear containers with water and add food colouring to each. Start with the primary colours (red, blue and yellow), saying the names out loud.

[Tip]: Encourage your child to repeat the colours back to you.

Intermediate: Have fun mixing primary colours together to make secondary colours, and have your child identify them as you go.

[Tip]: Red and yellow make orange, blue and yellow make green, red and blue make purple!

Experienced: Have your child combine primary and secondary colours, naming them as they go.

[Tip]: Encourage your child to guess what colours they can make from blue and green, red and purple, yellow and orange. What happens if you mix all of the colours together?

Why is this important? Colour mixing activities support children's exploratory language and colour knowledge.

Looking for more information? Check out our websites resource all about [Colour Wheels](#).

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